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Disclosure follows court injunction

Twin abortion has already taken place

AN UNMARRIED mother has had one of a pair of healthy twins aborted, it was disclosed last night -- hours after anti-abortion campaigners won an injunction to halt the operation.

It was unclear when the termination was carried out. but Lord Winston, the test tube baby pioneer who is close to several people involved, said he believed it was several weeks ago. Lord Winston was speaking

after a High Court judge issued an order preventing the obstetrician Professor Philip Bennett from conducting the abortion before 10am today. Campaigners from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children wanted to force Professor Bennett to tell his patient about the £45,000 that had been offered to try to persuade her to keep both

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be in "straitened" circumstances; she already had one child and could not face the burden of looking after two more. If the doctor did not carry out a selective termination, she would seek to abort both twins.

Professor Bennett, who works at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in west London, said: "Killing one healthy twin sounds unethical. But my colleagues and I concluded that it would be better to terminate one pregnancy and leave one alive than to lose two

His remarks enraged antiabortion campaigners who Pried to get Professor Bennett arrested. They bombarded Hammersmith police station with letters, faxes and personal calls saying that the inability to cope with twins fell short of the legal grounds for an

When Superintendent Peter Lally decided that he had no grounds to intervene, the campaigners switched their fight to the High Court, where they



Bennett: preferable to lose one than two

yesterday won their interim injunction against Professor Bennett, the North Thames Regional Health Authority, and Brentford and Hounslow social services.

The Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust later confirmed that the operation had already been carried out. A nokeswoman said: "Professor Bennett has spoken to the woman who is happy for us to confirm that the operation has taken place. She is adamant she does not want any more details put out."

Nevertheless, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children said it would still take the issue to the High Court this morning. The society's barrister Paul Diamond said: "Even though it appears the abortion has been carried out, we intend to press for a change in the law to prevent and further such cases arising. The Abortion Act does not allow for the arbitrary termination of an unborn child, but only on certain grounds such as the welfare of the mother or her existing

children. "The woman in this case claimed that she could not afford another child, but by the offer of financial assistance, we argue that the reason for the abortion had been removed and that the child was therefore terminated arbitarily. We want the law

changed so that if the reasons for an abortion are changed then the operation should not be carried out."

Another anti-abortion charity. Life, wanted to know when the abortion took place. The health authority had said on Monday that the mother was still awaiting the operation and Life said that if that was the case, its lawyers would want to know whether Professor Bennett had passed on its faxed offer of £1,000 if the voman would keep the baby.

Attempts to save the twin by donations of some £45,000 from anti-abortion sympathisers were apparently frustrated by the hospital's refusal to inform her of the pledged gifts because of "confidentiality". But Phyllis Bowman, director of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said: "When hospitals and doctors start talking about confidentiality, it's a sure sign that there

is a cover-up. And Ann Winterton, chairman of the all-party parliamentary pro-life group, demanded a Department of Health inquiry. "Under the patient's charter, she is entitled to be given full information and I will move heaven and earth to ensure that she receives it."

But Lord Winston condemned the campaigners' tactics. "I think it is immoral to put someone like this under pressure," he said. "They should ask themselves, if they really want to protect life, why don't they give that money to a good cause either in Ethiopia or perhaps the children in

"No woman I have ever met has ever gone through a termination without the most serious consideration. It is something that is extremely difficult for women to do and is only done after a great deal of soul-searching."

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Dr Monica Grady of the Natural History Museum, who has studied the meteorite, described the discovery as absolutely fascinating

Meteorite offers signs of life on Mars

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR.

The first evidence of extraterrestrial life may have been detected by scientists from the American space agency Nasa. A meteorite that originated on Mars has revealed chemical evidence suggesting that

simple forms of life must have existed on the planet. Mars is known to have the basic necessities of life: carbon, nitrogen and water, And while the Viking spacecraft which landed there in the

1970s found no evidence of life of any sort, scientists have never given up and a new series of probes is planned. But the new evidence re-

quired no spacecraft to collect it. It found its own way from Mars, in the form of material splashed off" its surface by the impact of some object from space. After wandering around the solar system, this material arrived on Earth about 12,000 years ago in the form of a meteorite, named Allen Hills 84001 after the area in Antarctica where it was

Detailed analysis by a team

from Nasa, the Open University and the Natural History Museum concluded that it had originated from Mars, because it includes pockets of glass that contain gases of the same composition as the Martian atmosphere.

And yesterday the weekly Space News reported that further analysis had revealed chemical evidence suggestive of life. Nasa officials con-firmed that the report was "essentially correct", and the journal Science said that a paper on the discovery had been received and was being

prepared for publication. What exactly the evidence is remained unclear last night. Nasa was preparing a state-ment and officials declined to

elaborate. One source suggested that the chemical found was magnetite, an oxide of iron that can be associated with bacterial action. If so, the evidence would remain inconclusive. because other processes can also produce magnetite. More convincing would be fossils



Viking Orbiter's image of Mars

showing cell structures or other features of bacteria. Dr Monica Grady of the Natural History Museum, who has studied Allen Hills 84001, said: "It is entirely possible that very primitive micro-organisms may have evolved on Mars. I'm not talking about ammonites or

corals or anything like that, but something incredibly primitive such as micro-fossils from highly primitive organ-isms. It's absolutely fascinating to find these."

Dr Grady's earlier work had shown that the climate of Mars when the rock in the

warm and wet, a far cry from today's bitterly cold planet. which has frozen carbon dioxide covering its poles. Such conditions would certainly have made evolution of life possible, even if climatic

change destroyed it. Today Mars contains very little evidence of water, but the suspicion is that some remains in the form of permafrost. The surface of the planet has features suggesting that it

once had running water. Some are like old river beds, while others appear to have been caused by flash floods. We are not talking about rivers or lakes," Dr Grady says. "The chances are that the

small amounts." Given the essentials of life,

scientists believe that it would have evolved by a process in which simple chemicals combined to form more complex ones until a self-replicating molecule emerged. This would be a primitive form of the genetic material DNA. Given the multitudes of

stars in the cosmos, the chances are that life may have evolved in many places. In the solar system, Mars is the only serious possibility. But if the Nasa evidence is persuasive. the odds that we are not alone have shortened dramatically.

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DNA test clears tramp of raping murdered girl

By BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND JOANNA BALE

THE parents of the murdered schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson yesterday urged the French police to redouble their efforts after DNA tests cleared the tramp who confessed to rap-

Patrice Pade, a known sex offender, was charged on July 22 after allegedly admitting the rape and murder at a Brittany youth hostel. But the negative DNA tests have cast doubt on all aspects of his confession - even though the possibility remains that he acted with an accomplice.

Caroline, 13, was among 40 Launceston College pupils on a school trip when she was killed at the youth hostel in the village of Pleine-Fougeres, 30 miles east of St Malo.

Yesterday her parents, John and Susan Dickinson, issued a statement saying: "When on July 18 the news of our daughter's death reached us our lives were changed forever. The news, some days later, that someone had been apprehended for this terrible crime

was a small consolation. Now it seems that we have been denied even this.

"We hope that the authorities will redouble their efforts to catch the culprit. Then the man who robbed Caroline of her future and us of a lovely daughter will not be free to commit such a crime again."

The investigating judge, Gerard Zaug, has ordered further laboratory tests to



Caroline: parents denied "small consolation"

confirm the findings of the first result. And police have drawn up a new photofit picture of a suspect which they have shown to villagers in and around Pleine-Fougeres.

They are also investigating

M Pade's network of homeless acquaintances. His description of the hostel was apparently detailed enough to convince detectives that he was there. Now they are said to be working on the theory that he had an accomplice who raped Caroline before she was suffocated while four of her friends slept beside her.

Even so, there is a big question mark over whether two men could have carried out such an attack without waking the other girls. M Padé's lawyer, René

Blanchard, has now filed an appeal for his client's release. saying: "Since the start of this affair I have been completely convinced of his innocence." Police yesterday insisted

that the investigation had never been relaxed. ARTS30-32

Ulster braced for clashes as talks fail

By Nicholas Watt, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of violent sectarian clashes this weekend faced Northern Ireland after nationalists and Unionists failed to reach agreement yesterday over a contentious loyalist parade in Londonderry on Saturday.

Negotiations broke down when the loyalist Apprentice Boys rejected a nationalist demand to widen the negotiation and give Roman Catholics a veto over marches throughout the province.

Hopes of finding a solution appeared slim last night when the Apprentice Boys and nationalists from the Bogside area of Londonderry said they saw little point in holding further talks.

John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party and MP for Foyle, who chaired four meetings hetween the two sides, said he was disappointed that they had failed to reach agreement. He promised to hold separate talks with the nationalists and loyalists in the hope of finding an agreement before thousands of Apprentice Boys descend on Londonderry on Saturday for their annual parade, which commemorates the 1689 siege of the town.

Nationalists in Londonderry object to the loyalist parade because it is due to pass along a section of the city walls which overlooks the Catholic Bogside area. The parade last year led to minor clashes between the RUC and Sinn Fein demonstrators; the parade in 1969 led to serious sectarian clashes at the start of the modern-day troubles.

During yesterday's negotiations the Apprentice Boys agreed to limit their numbers and to silence their bands along the contentious section of the walls. They also agreed to erect screens to block off the

view of the Bogside. Donncha MacNiallais, spokesman for the Bogside Residents' Group, responded favourably to the proposals from the loyalists. But the negotiations broke down because he insisted that the Continued on page 2, col 7

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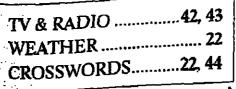
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Rural post offices defy strike call and demand ballot

By Christine Buckley and Andrew Pierce

PRESSURE grew on postal union leaders yesterday to mount a national ballot on the peace plan drawn up at Acas after pockets of workers rejected strike action and demanded a resolution to the dispute.

The Post Office claimed that one in five delivery offices worked normally and that more than 10 per cent of its staff had arrived for work. It is to send a copy of the peace deal to all its staff so they can decide for themselves about the terms on offer.

The entire sorting office in Wimborne, Dorset, defied the nationwide strike call by the Communication Workers Union and called for a ballot on the pay and conditions deal which was endorsed by Alan Johnson, joint general secretary, but rejected by the union's postal executive. Elsewhere other delivery workers reported for duty and the Post Office said it was able to deliver mail to a substantial

number of regions. The fragmentation of strike action and the growing support for the union's negotiators who brokered the peace deal will force further pressure on the splits within the union's executive.

Mr Johnson and his team that struck the deal with the Post Office are opposed by a hardline contingent within the postal executive, largely on the issue of teamworking. But under union rules unless the executive backs a deal it cannot go to national ballot.

BRITAIN could be heading

for another period of boom

climbing as high as 9 per cent

towards the end of next year, a

leading City investment bank-

claims by John Major and

Kenneth Clarke that the

present recovery is soundly

based and certain to last.

ministers and Labour leaders

are given notice that whichev-

er party wins the general

election it could be only

months away from an eco-

The warning, from the

Charterhouse group, suggests

Mr Clarke has cut interest

rates purely for political rea-

sons, predicts that inflation

nomic crisis.

In flat contradiction of

ing group says today

Wimborne, said: "We just want to see a national ballot to speed things up in this debate. The offer was possibly a workable deal. Certainly it was an awful lot better than what existed previously.
"We feel that Alan Johnson

is being undermined by having to go through the national executive. If the deal was put to the members then we would what the feeling really was. We are the people that have to implement changes."

The Post Office claimed further strong pockets of resistance: it said 78 per cent of delivery workers in south Cornwall went to work while 67 per cent in the north of the county were working. In the Bath area it said 55 per cent were at work.

A spokesman for the CWU said strike figures were diffi-cult to calculate accurately although he conceded that some members were breaking the strike. Billy Hayes, national organiser for the union, denied that the deadlock between the two sides was raising the political stakes for

privatising the service. He said: "The public has already said that it doesn't want the Post Office privatised. John Redwood has got cloth ears. If Mrs Thatcher couldn't privatise it then certainly John Major can't."

His view was echoed by some Tory MPs, who warned the Government not to exploit the suspension of the Post Office monopoly to revive Alan Pateman, the CWU's plans to sell off the Royal office representative at Mail. Speculation that the

City warns of 9% rates in

return to boom and bust

By Philip Webster, political editor

will return next year as public

enemy number one, and

claims that the trade gap will widen substantially. The re-

port says that while inflation is

likely to be around 2.5 per cent

in the middle of next year, the

expected election date, by the

end of 1997 it could be up to 4

3.25 per cent growth in con-

sumption this year and more

than 4 per cent next. "This

pace cannot be sustained with-

out a deterioration in the trade

accounts and a build up of

inflationary pressure. It is still

possible that base rates will be

edged higher before the end of

this year but this is likely to be

in conjunction with a modest

easing in fiscal policy. Follow-

Charterhouse points to a

privatisation had returned to the political agenda was heightened when Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, pointedly refused to rule it out in a series of radio interviews.

At the same time, a group of influential Conservative MPs expressed their fears that manifesto commitment to privatisation of all or part of the service could cost votes at the general election. One former Cabinet minister said yesterday that privatisation might be "deeply unpopular".

There is widespread concern that temporary suspension is the forerunner of a permanent free-for-all that would leave the rural sub-post fighting for their

MPs fear private contractors would cherry-pick the profit-making parcel trade in towns and cities leaving the Post Office struggling to maintain its universal services across the country without subsidies or cuts.

Colin Baker, General Secretary of the National Federation of Sub Postmasters, said that his first point of call was to Stuart Sweetman, managing director of Post Office Counters Ltd. to warn him that "rural sub offices are balancing on a knife edge".

"Rural sub-post offices have not got a great deal of work as it is and anything that threatens the throughput of commercial traffic is going to threaten their survival. A lot of them are on

ing an election in 1997, the incoming government will be forced to take more aggressive

It says there have been

"dramatic" improvements in

personal finances, with tax

cuts and cash windfalls boost-

ing household cash flows. And

it says that imports are set to

increase by 7 per cent next year — "one of the costs of a

return to consumer led

growth" - with the likely

result an increase in the deficit

to £4 billion this year and £10

The report suggests that Mr

Clarke has succumbed to the

temptation of interest rate cuts

over recent months because of

the Government's poor polit-

ical standing. "There can be

little doubt that the Chancellor

is using the excuse of favourable trends in inflation

to engineer a stronger con-

sumer environment and it is

hard not to conclude that

political motive has dominat-

ed economics argument in the

debate over monetary policy."

England has made it clear that

it is not convinced by the case

for lower rates, but Eddie

George, the Governor, "has

been on the back foot since

earlier advice to raise rates

Charterhouse suggests that Mr Clarke might be well-

advised to launch a "pre-

emptive strike" on interest

rates, sanctioning a modest

rise before the end of this year.

to reassure the financial

It forecasts that inflation

will return as "public enemy number one" while, with the

election over, the new govern-

ment will have to take decisive

action in the second half of

1997 to reduce growth, "The

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ed in base rates rising to

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billion in 1997.



The surface of Mars as pictured in 1976 during the Viking landings

Mars fact and fiction are still worlds apart

H.G. WELLS wrote about it, Orson Welles broadcast about it and David Bowie sang about it, but until now there has been no evidence of life on

If confirmed, it has cosmic proportions. In the words of one biologist, it takes life from being a miracle on Earth to a statistic with endless possibilities in the universe. What that means is that the complex chemistry upon which life is based is rather more widespread than had been thought. As the most Earthlike planet in this solar system. Mars has held a particuliar - indeed,

peculiar - fascination throughout the centuries. Through the earliest telescopes, the red colour of Mars suggested deserts and green markings hinted at vegetation. Today we know the green is caused by darker rock over which winds have whipped the red dusts of the surface. But the waxing and waning of icy polar caps hinted that Mars had water - in fact, space probes have shown that they are mainly made of carbon dioxide ice, the main

rock concerts. As telescopes improved, so did the fanciful image of our neighbour in space. In the 19th century, astronomers reported seeing networks of canals which soon became equated with the desperate efforts of a dying civilisation trying to come to terms with the arid conditions on the red planet. Percival Lowell, a Boston brahmin, devoted his life to

ingredient for special effects at

studying the planet and drew literally hundreds of canals criss-crossing the surcface. The problem was that few others saw them and they were an optical illusion. Contemporaries recall Lowell's eyesight was so acute that he could see telegraph wires many miles distant in the Arizona desert. The Lowell Observatory still stands on what was named Mars Hill in Flagstaff.

Lowell's promution of the idea of Martians became very popular. In 1902, when a French widow offered 100,000 francs to the first person to make contact with alien life. Mars was excluded on the grounds it would be too easy. Others later suggested that giant mirrors be constructed in the desert to signal messages to our Martian

The reality, alas, was rather more prosaic. The first space probes in the 1960s revealed that Mars had a posionous atmosphere of carbon dioxide and a pressure one-hundredth that on Earth. As more probes revealed a geologist's paradise of canyons, volcanoes and craters, the odds shortened towards Martian microbes. Yet the evidence for what appeared as dried up river beds hinted that if there was no life today, there may have been in the past. Mars may have been warmer and more element in its earliest epochs. scientists believe.

The prospect of living microbes was scotched 20 years ago when Nasa landed two

probes on the surface. Vikings I and 2 returned cerie pictures of a rock-strewn surface beneath a pink sky. They then scooped up soil samples and analysed them in exhaustive detail. At best ambiguous, the results were that the lowliest microbes could not survive the harsh ultraviolet light from the Sun, for Mars has no protective layer of ozone.

Conspiracy theories routinely appear in supermarkei tabloids in the United States. It was rumoured that Nasa found evidence for methane on Mars — the product of hiology - but the CIA suppressed it. An Italian writer claimed that the Viking probes took pictures of an ancient city. To some, a giant hill seen in a region called Cydonia appears like a face and, to others, like a pyramid. And on a rock photographed by Viking I at sunset, there are peared to be evidence of Martian graffiti — a letter B. One wag suggested that it stood for Barsoom -- the name

for Mars in Edgar Rice Burroughs novels from the 1920s. The most recent probes to Mars all suffered from heartbreaking failures. But the next generation of probes will be aunched this autumn with two Russian and two American missions heading towards the red planet.

They will land, dispatch rovers across the surface, and return further clues to the strange chemistry of a planet whose lure has never diminished in the popular and scientific imagination.

NEWS IN BIPIE : SECOND

Railtrack directors' pay bill rises by 26%

Railtrack prompted a new "fat cat" row over rail privatisation yesterday when it disclosed that its directors' pay bill rose by 26 per cent in the year leading up to the flotation of the

Figures in Railtrack's glossy report and accounts for the year to the end of March, when it was still publicly owned showed that the salaries, bonuses and fees paid to its board members rose from £930,000 to £1.18 million. Salaries to the chairman and executive members of the board increased by 30 per cent to £732,000. The highest-paid full-time director was Norman Broadhurst, the finance director, whose total salary package rose by nearly 18 per cent to £232,000. In the same period average staff costs fell by 7 per cent.

Blood switch claim

A hospital orderly told a jury at Maidstone Crown Court, Kent, that he was shocked when his girlfriend told him that she had switched his blood sample to prevent him paying child maintenance to another woman. Timothy Anderson, 24, of Lenham, near Maidstone, denies perverting the course of justice. His girlfriend, Elizabeth Mills, 33, a hospital sister, has admitted the same charge. The hearing continues.

Vets deny 'mutilation'

Farmers and vets needlessly and sometimes illegally mutilate millions of livestock every year, docking piglets, castrating lambs and calves and de-beaking hens as a matter of routine and often without anaesthetic, Compassion in World Farming said yesterday. The British Veterinary Association denied condoning illegality and said many of the practices were for the animals' long-term welfare.

Strike halts Tubes again

The London Tube network was expected to be halted today by another 24-hour strike by drivers. Road congestion is likely to be increased by the action group Reclaim the Streets, which plans to block main routes with bicycles in support of the drivers. Leaders of the RMT union and Aslef said that the Government had interfered in the dispute over hours and that MPs saw continuation of the strike as a vote-winner.

Hepatitis A cases

Three haemophiliacs aged between eight and 18, who used the same blood clotting agent, have contracted hepatitis A, it was disclosed yesterday. The children were diagnosed during routine check-ups at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Although no firm link has been established between the clotting agent, Alpha VIII, and the infections, the hospital has withdrawn the product during an investigation.

Firebomb attack on pub

A couple who run a public house had a firebomb thrown through their window yesterday, which they claim was because they stopped underage drinking. Tina Stacey, 41, and her husband Bob, of the Railway Inn in Wincanton, Somerset, had refused to serve a group of teenagers who then allegedly threatened them. Tyres on the Staceys' car were later slashed and bricks thrown through the window.

Ferry close to disaster

A sailor nearly caused a disaster aboard a Belgian car ferry in March by opening the outer doors as the vessel was at full speed in mid-Channel, the Belgian Maritime Transport Authority said. It reported that the Prince Albert roll-on, rollnich had about 200 people way from Ramsgate to Ostend on March 10 when the

Raffle prize matures

A woman who won a painting in the 1950s with a one-shilling raffle ticket has had it valued at £15,000. Alina Billewicz, 77, who fought with the Polish Resistance before coming to Britain, is selling Still Life with Spring Flowers, painted by the Scottish artist Anne Rednath (1895-1965), which she won at an event staged by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in Aberdeen. It will be auctioned this month,

Ulster talks collapse

Continued from page 1 Apprentice Boys must win the consent of nationalists before holding parades anywhere else in Northern Ireland. He said: "The Apprentice Boys would have to state that where there was no consent for a parade on a particular road. they would abide by the wishes of the community."

His attempt to widen the negotiations beyond the Londonderry march infuriated the loyalists and fuelled their suspicions that Sinn Fein was dictating the agenda. The restdents' group says it is separate from the party, although a press release from the group was distributed by the Sinn Fein press office yesterday.

Alasdair Simpson, governor of the Apprentice Boys, accused the nationalists of being dictatorial. He said: "It is a very sad for the whole of this city. We thought we had come to a situation where we could have gone forward together with everylandy. Where are our civil rights when the

Bogside residents' group turn round and say you are not getting anywhere?" Mr Simpson added that loyalists would not be responsible for any violence on Saturday. Attention will now focus on chem notes

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Mr Hume's shuttle mission between the two sides before the weekend. If he fails to find agreement, the RUC will be faced once again with a virtually impossible task in trying to maintain order. Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable, who faced widespread criticism last month after he ended the five-day stand-off at Drumcree by allowing Orangemen to march through a Catholic area, will be weighing his options.

The Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Dr. James Mehallev, said last night that he was bitterly disappointed by the collapse of the negotiations. He told BBC Radio Ulster: "People I met in town this afternoon are in a depressed state because they realise what is at stake."

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Allies turn on Redwood B) ANDREW PIERCE

PULITICAL CORRESPONDENT JOHN REDWOOD is facing a growing backlash from Tory MPs over his string of "unrealistic" demands on the Government. Norman Lamont. the former Chancellor who stood aside for Mr Redwood in last year's leadership contest, has become increasingly estranged from his former

ally.
Mr Lamont is infuriated by Mr Redwood's repeated assertions that £6 billion of spending cuts can be afforded with ease to finance reduction in taxes. One senior right wing Tory MP said: "It is unrealistic and it is toytown economics. Unrealistic calculations do

nothing for the Redwood cause. A period of pre-Budger purdah is advisable

Tory MPs in the Michael Portillo camp, the other principal leadership contender, have seized the opportunity to try to discredit Mr Redwood. "It is loyalty which is required from all Tory MPs in the runup to the election." said one Portillo supporter last night.

Veteran Tory MPs such as Sir Julian Critchley also entered the fray yesterday and urged Mr Redwood "to shut up" for the sake of the party. Quentin Davies, on the left of the Tory Party, also appealled for Mr Redwood to "get be-hind the party" and fight Làbour.

But Mr Redwood denied

that he was being disloyal and urged the party to rally behind the Prime Minister to win the General Election. In a statement vesterday,

Mr Redwood said: "I wish to see a Conservative government elected at the next election. I urge my colleagues to do all in their power to secure victory. The Government beleives that unity is essential for this purpose. Just as I asked colleagues to support the government in the crucial debate on BSE, so I ask all good Conservatives now to unite in stressing the themes: 'Yes it hurt. Yes it worked' and 'New Labour, new danger'."

Friends of Mr Redwood pointed out he has made speeches attacking Labour.

Britons' murders unsolved

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

FRENCH police, currently involved in the hunt for the killer of Caroline Dickinson, have a poor record in solving the murders of Britons, More than 20 have died since 1970 hut three quarters of the cases remain open.

Among them is that of John Cartland, a former member of the SOE during the Second World War, who was killed in the South of France in 1973 while on holiday with his son Jeremy. The case roused echoes of the notorious murders of Sir John Drummond, another former member of SOF, killed with his wife and daughter in 1952 while on

holiday in the French Alps. In 1986 two teachers on a cycling holiday, Lorraine Glasby, 28, and Paul Bellion.

29, from Norfolk, were fied up back to back, gagged and shot dead. Their bodies were found in a maize field in Brittany. Joanna Parrish, 20, was raped, beaten and strangled

as she picked wild flowers near Auxerre in Burgundy in 1990. Her parents have cam-paigned for six years to get French police to re-open the investigation. Leslie Choriton, a 47-year-

old comman who had lived in France for two years, and his Dutch-horn wife were found bound and strangled in words at Cressensae in central France, in 1991. Angela Hay,

40 was murdered with her French husband Alain in May this year. The couple were found in their car in a canal in Alsace after drawing £70,000 from their bank account. Police said the motive for the killings could have been theft.

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months of sexual comments

from her female boss was a

liar, an industrial tribunal

was told yesterday. Joanna Poole, 22, who was

sacked by the healthcare com-

pany Bupa, is alleging sex

discrimination. She claims

that Christine Butland, 26,

made repeated comments

about her body and ques-tioned her about her sexual

Miss Poole's telesales train-

er, Amanda Voss, 30, told the

tribunal yesterday that Miss

Poole's claim against the com-

pany made her feel "hurt and

angry", and added: "I feel that

A key incident in Miss

Poole's account was a meeting

in December when staff told

how they had lost her virgini-

ty. Miss Poole said that she felt

pressured by Mrs Butland

Miss Voss said that occa-sional sexual banter was nor-

mal in the office, and that staff

had freely offered accounts of

their experiences during the light-hearted conversation after the meeting's agenda had

She remembered Miss

Poole's account because it was

surprising: "I thought she was

quite explicit in the details that

Miss Poole's mother, Susan,

44, said she had become edgy

after starting the job and "guarded" about what she

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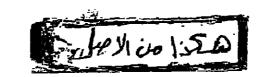
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Man is kicked to death defending piglets from gang

A MAN who went to the defence of a pair of pot-bellied piglets he kept in a pen in his back garden was kicked to death by a gang threatening to burn them alive.

Murder squad detectives launched a hunt for up to five men who attacked Ronald Smith. 49, after he confronted them outside his home near Birmingham.

Mr Smith's widow, Margaret, 42, who comforted her dying husband in her arms. said that he had got out of bed when he heard the men shouting and asked them from the window to be quiet. When they taunted him with threats against the nine-week-old pigs, Bill and Ben, he followed his son Joe, 20, out of the

Mr Smith, a 49-year-old unemployed carpenter, was left in a pool of blood on the pavement at Frankley, West Midlands, with severe facial injuries and a cut to the back of the head. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Selly Oak Hospital. His son

escaped injury.

Mr and Mrs Smith had reared another pot-bellied pig who died 18 months ago after being fed rat poison.

Mrs Smith said yesterday: There was a gang of about five youths outside shouting abuse and saying they were going to torch our pigs and burn the house down. We didn't know why they wanted to because we have never had any problems with these lads

"Joey went out to remonstrate with the youths because of the threat and to tell them to stop shouting. He followed them round the estate and then they met up with my

charges



Smith: kept the piglets in a pen in his garden

husband, who had also gone

They threw something at his head. As he went down his head hit the kerb, then they carried on booting him as he lay there. I came over and Ron was lying on the road and he was still alive. Ron died in my arms. He was a lovely man who would help anybody."

Detectives, who appealed for witnesses to the attack, carried out a search of the pavement and grass bank on the council estate where Mr Smith was found and made house-to-house calls. A machete was found at the scene.

Last night four men in their early twenties were helping police with their inquiries. Initially three were being questioned, and the fourth joined them after being treated at the City Hospital, Birmingham, for facial injuries.

Several neighbours of the family telephoned the police when they heard the affray outside the family's semi-de-

Howard loses over China

By A STAFF REPORTER

A BUSINESSMAN who fears was a "Cabinet decision" tak- der's application for judicial

tions with Britain and the

fugitive would receive a fair

trial and humane treatment.

The judge said it was clear

Mr Howard "felt himself bound by the collective Cabi-

net decision" when in fact he

should have exercised his per-

sonal judgment "on the real

risks of breach of the treaty

safeguards". Mr Launder ar-

gued that safeguards to a fair

The court allowed Mr Laun-

record.

trial would not survive.

the death penalty if forced to en on the basis that the

A neighbour of the Smiths, Emma Jones, 24, said: "He was a nice bloke who was going to let my two children feed the pigs. He has had pigs before but he has only had these two for four weeks and he keeps them in a pen in the garden.'

Lynda Wright, another neighbour, said: "These yobs were running through the houses with baseball bats and blades looking for trouble. We get this sort of thing all the time around here, when they're not stealing your car or radio. I ran out to help Ron. He was a great bloke and would help anyone out yet

never take anything for it." Detective Chief Inspector Ellie Baker said: "This was a tragic incident which is being treated as a murder inquiry. There were a lot of people gathered at the scene and I ask them to call us with information.

"I understand voices were heard shouting abuse outside the Smiths' house about their pigs. The pigs were kept as pets and were nine weeks old. Mr Smith followed his son out of the house and we believe he was involved in a fight in the alleyway. The fight then moved across the road onto the grass verge where the body was found. We know Mr Smith was in bed when he heard the gang shouting outside his house. His son went out first and he followed. The son came back but Mr Smith

Mr Smith suffered facial injuries and a cut to the back of his head, but a post mortem failed to establish the exact cause of death and police said further tests would be carried

review, quashed the extradi-

the case. Mr Howard was

given leave to appeal to the

Mr Launder, of Sutton

Courtenay, Oxfordshire, faces

trial on 14 charges of accepting

bribes from two Hong Kong

businessmen between 1980

and 1982. It is alleged the

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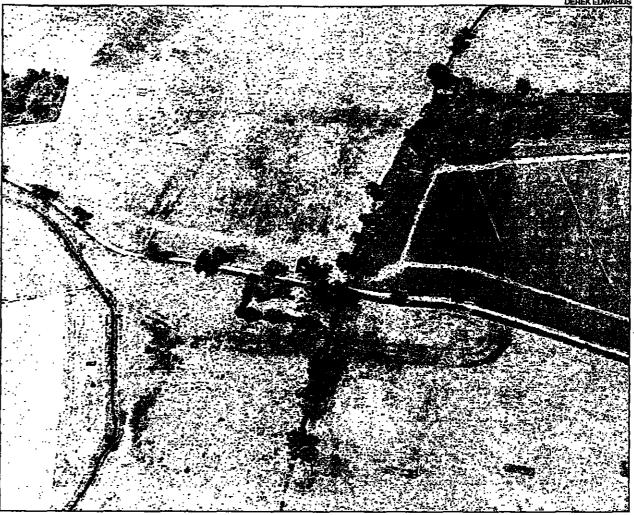
ment arm of the Hong Kong

and Shanghai Bank, of which

he was chief executive.

House of Lords.

did not."



The remains of the Roman fort as seen from the air, where the dry weather has helped to define its outline

Early Roman fort unearthed by the long hot summer

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THE remains of an early Roman fort built to impose order on Boudicca and the marauding Iceni has been discovered in Norfolk. The 16-acre site came to

light in an aerial survey because of the dry summer. The remains, which straddle the 50-mile Roman road Peddars Way, were spotted as dark markings in a crop of

David Gurney, principal landscape archaeologist at the Norfolk Museums Service, said he believed the fortification dated to the period of Boudicea's uprising against occupying Roman forces in AD 60-61. This discovery is of national importance and will tell us much about early military activity in Norfolk and East Anglia," he said. "We knew a fort was established in AD 43, but this is a second, larger site which we think was built by the Roman administration to exercise tighter control on the Iceni tribe.

"The spectacularly dry summer has meant that the ditches surrounding the fort have acted as a reservoir for plants. In the drought these plants grow higher than the rest. revealing the outline of the Roman remains. "The fort is based on a safe distance and suggest the

 Boundary of fort Second street (Via praetoria) (Via principalis)

(G) Horse compound Posssible structure

standard design common throughout the Roman Empire. The main defences included three deep ditches and a timber palisade. The outer ditch, 20-30ft wide, was designed to keep attackers at a

SUFFOLK

Series of ditches and 6ft mound forms boundary

use of artillery, probably in the form of catapults." The fort is thought to have been built as a temporary structure populated by up to 2,000 soldiers housed in wood-

en barracks. As well as a

military headquarters the

tained granaries, workshops and craftsmen needed to support the Roman force. The main gates are also thought to have been made out of timber. possibly flanked by two

Mr Gurney, who specialises in the Roman period, said: "The fort was occupied for no longer than a decade. If it had lasted any longer then stone would probably have been used. The whole area would have been divided up by a grid street system with the headquarters building in the middle. Craftsmen would be employed to maintain the military equipment. Spear shafts were also in constant demand because Roman spears were designed to break on landing to prevent the enemy throwing them back."

Outside the main perimeter the survey reveals a smaller possibly used as a corral for cavalry horses. The location of the find is being kept secret to stop an invasion of metal detector enthusiasts damaging the site.

The survey, funded by the Royal Commission for Historic Monuments of England. also revealed an Iron Age Long Barrow and a late Roman villa.

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Miss Poole, of Staines, Surrey, says she was sacked from her £13,000-a-year post after telling senior managers of her ordeal. Bupa says she was dismissed after making a personal phone call from the office in which she complained about work. The hearing, in Croydon, south London, was adjourned until today.

in choice of clothes

London falls to Independence Day

People's Republic of China tion warrant and ordered the

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

won a reprieve

against extradition yesterday

as the Home Secretary suf-

fered another blow at the

Howard misdirected himself

when he ordered the return of

Ewan Launder, aged 60, to the

Crown colony which will be

decision to return Mr Launder

ceded to China next year. Lord Justice Henry said the

hands of the judiciary. Two judges ruled in the High Court that Michael

HOLLYWOOD descended on London last night to stage the largest film launch seen in Britain. Independence Day, an E80 million blockbuster about aliens in spaceships the size of cities, has broken box-office records in America, and is expected to do the same here.

The film, whose stars include special effects designers who blow up the White House and enlarge 12ft models of space-

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ships into versions 15 miles wide, is launched on Friday in 560 cinemas, a

The European premiere at the Odeon Leicester Square comes only a month after its American opening. The idea of such closely-timed openings would have been unthinkable just two years ago, but distributors are now keen to capitalise on the marketing push in America.

Among several American blockbusters coming to Britain during the coming months are Arnold Schwarzenegger's

by John Carpenter; Jack with Robin Williams: and Dragonheart with Dennis Quaid, Julie Christie and the voice of Sean Connery.

Independence Day has already taken El50 million in America, where critics raved. One wrote: "Independence Day is how Cecil B. De Mille would have done War of the Worlds if he'd had the opportunity - and the money.

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By Emma Wilkins

JOHN BRYAN, the Duchess of York's former financial adviser, was made bankrupt yesterday after failing to pay debts of £60,000 to creditors including the Duchess's sister. Under the terms of the bankruptcy order issued at the High Court in London, Mr Bryan has 21 days to complete

forms giving details of his

bank accounts and other financial affairs. He could be arrested if he fails to comply with the Official Receiver. His worldwide assets can be

Bryan is declared bankrupt

seized to pay creditors including the Duchess's sister. Jane Luedecke, American Express Europe and Penningtons, a firm of solicitors.

Mr Bryan lives in Los Angeles. Randolph Abood, his lawyer, said: "He is disap-

movement to settle this case. Mrs Luedecke and her husband, Reiner, are seeking payment of £30,000 costs which they incurred during a two-year legal battle with Mr Bryan over exclusive coverage of their wedding in Hello! magazine. Kathryn Garbett, their solicitor, said they were delighted with the ruling. The Duchess made no comment,

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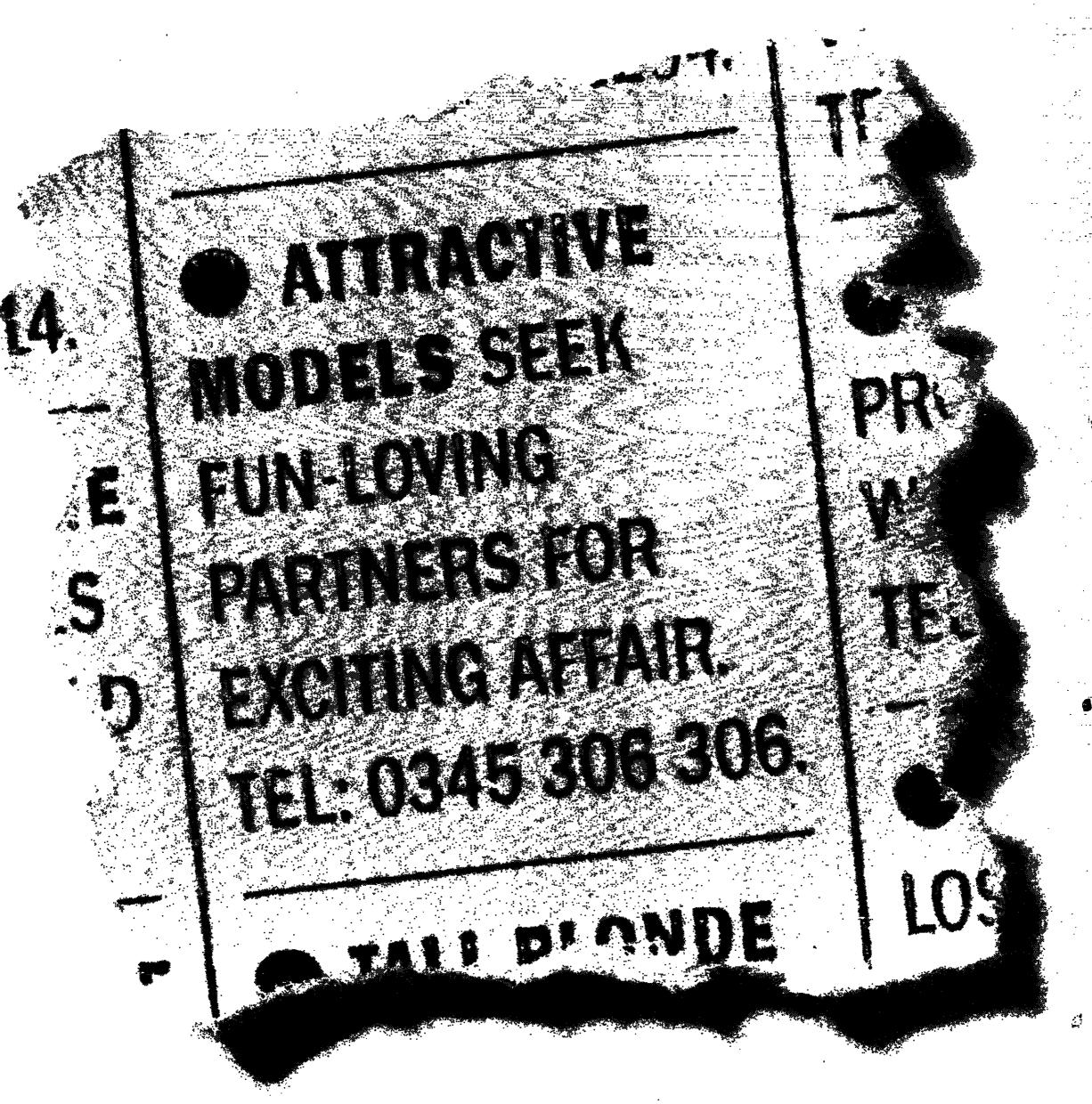
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Doctor claims he was set up as presenter hosted a show on her daughter's ME condition

BBC defends Rantzen over TV 'shout-in' claim

By Carol Midgley and Lin Jenkins

THE BBC defended Esther Rantzen from accusations of bias yesterday over the way she conducted a programme on the treatment of the condition known as ME, which afflicts her 18-year-old daughter Emily.

Television reviewers criticised the programme as a "shout-in", and Dr Thomas Stuttaford said he had been set up to be attacked by the invited audience. A BBC spokesman said that Miss Rantzen "effectively combines passion with top-class journalism"

Dr Stuttaford, the Times columnist and a former Tory MP, was booed and hissed on BBCl's The Rantzen Report when he suggested that ME could be a psychiatric illness rather than a virus. He said that, rather than being invited to represent the 75 per cent of GPs who did not believe that ME was an illness in its own right, he was used as a scapegoat for angry and frus-trated members of the

"I don't want to criticise Esther Rantzen, whom I rather like," he said. "But when I was asked to appear, I explained it was a highly contentious issue and it was important to have a rational, detached discussion, not a



Stuttaford: said rational discussion was important

where mob rule can prevail. They were hostile, I think, partly because there are people who have not yet learnt to regard psychiatric disease as a proper illness. They are still seeing it as a moral weakness. They feel they have lost the son or daughter they knew and want to take their anger out on someone. And who better than a doctor?

"I was set up, no doubt about that. There was I, in my red socks and dark blue suit. typifying the English Trad. 1 was like Daniel walking into the lion's den. I don't think I have ever met such aggression and stubborn refusal to listen to, let alone understand, any oninion that was contrary to

"My main grumble, in fact,

was that during the show they flashed on the screen an invitation to find out more about ME. That contact turned out to be the ME Assocation, and I'm not sure that an institution like the BBC, which is supposed to be impartial, should be lending its services in this way."

Yesterday the BBC said it had received about 50 calls from members of the public about the programme: "Some were critical, some praised the programme and some just wanted more information. ME is a controversial subject about which little is known and it isn't surprising that opinions are sharply divided.

"Dr Stuttaford was one of several doctors in the audience point. Esther Rantzen is one of the BBC's most experienced interviewers who, with her campaigns on child abuse, organ transplants and bullying to name but a few, have demonstrated that she effectively combines passion with top-class journalism."

The broadcaster, who has nursed her daughter for the past two years, said that many doctors dismissed ME - myalgic encephalomyelitis — as a malingerer's charter. Some television critics said Miss Rantzen abandoned objectivity during the programme and began talking about ME as if it were an established fact.

Victor Lewis-Smith, review ing the programme in the London Evening Standard, condemned it for showing no desire to seek the truth, and said he was taking the unprecedented step of sending a copy to the BBC Director-General and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

He said the show was driven by malice on the part of Miss Rantzen and served merely to belittle and indoctrinate in an ill-considered, inconsiderate, manipulative and unscrupulous manner. I do not know what grip she has on the upper echelons at the BBC, but she seems to be holding the Corporation to Rantzen. She puts the network

to shame." Peter Paterson, in the Daily



Rantzen with her daughter Emily: the BBC said that she combined passion with top-class journalism

Mail. said Miss Rantzen was right to start with the ambivalence that many doctors had towards ME, but he went on: "I was sorry to see the great good Dr Thomas Stuttaford placed in the ducking stool for suggesting that ME may be a form of depression. And I can't really see that this new programme is different from such morning shout-

ins as The Time ... The

Place." Matthew Bond in The Times described Dr Stuttaford as being thrown to the lions when presenting the opposing view to Ms Rantzen and her "far from impartial studio audience". He added: "As you would expect from a Times man. Dr Stuttaford went down fighting but it was still a dreadful sight to behold." Anita Chaudhuri, reviewing

to throw up anything new about the causes of ME. "However, a studio full of sufferers and supporters, all of whom were programmed to boo and heckle the moment any medical expert mentioned the words form of depression did make for good television. The trouble with ME is that, now Esther Rancid's got on

be very difficult to get her off. Guardian, said that it failed Boo. hiss." Stafford Hildred in The Sun

sided with Miss Rantzen, who had a "personal passion to get to the truth - when it comes to tripping up the pompous voice of authority and letting the people speak. Esther has few equals. The smug doctors were a lot less convincing than the people whose lives had been wrecked by ME."

Protecting a source can cloud the issue

used to write the Times Diary, I came across a very good story about a bizarre mass beating at a famous public school. I carefully checked with both the boy who told me the story and his parents to make certain they had no objection to the story being used.

After it appeared as a paraheadline news in all the tabloid newspapers. The family concerned, who remain very good friends, were always convinced they had never given permission for this. but they had - it was just that they had no idea when they agreed to the incident being made public how explosive an

Phillip Bennett, the obstetrician at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, west London. is probably one of the most surprised people in Britain today. What he presumably thought would be an inter-liew of limited interest with a iournalist has become one of the most debated subjects in medical ethics in the past decade.

The incident of the wholesale thrashing taught me a lesson. Now when patients, or others, tell me that they are very happy for me to use the facts of their case 1 make certain that they understand every possible consequence.

The general public are appalled by Professor Bennett's decision to carry out a late

abortion on one twin on the grounds of economic and social expediency. Most people accept that if after in vitro fertilisation too many of the implanted embryos are developing, so that the life of them all is jeopardised, the destruction of one or more so that the rest may survive is rational, necessary, but regrettable.

and women I see is that a healthy baby has been aborted at a stage at which it is already complete and that it is being done not for the welfare of the remaining twin, but because of the straitened circumstances of the mother.

Those who look after families on welfare think that it is both remarkable and optimistic that anybody can be certain that such a woman could be relied upon to care ably for two further children.

Nobody who is concerned with twins would deny that they make a great deal of extra work and destroy sleep in the first few months of their lives. But fostering of the twins followed by a return to the mother when they are older and do not require such continuous care would have seemed a less contentious

The public have been even more amazed by the news that a possible answer to the financial and material problems of the mother's household were not to be handed

dentiality to tell a patient about the public interest, and ularly thin. If confidentiality has been breached, it happened when the story was first told to the press. The case may well have been a useful one for society to discuss, but it cannot have been of help to the individuals concerned.

to hand out prescriptions and wield forceps or the scalpel, but also have to look after the patient's material welfare. Poverty and the mother's incapacity to cope with it were the reasons given for the abortion and it therefore seems illogical to withhold the knowledge that £50,000 had been offered to preserve the life of the child.

en if the surviving twin has the very best maternal care, its longterm psychiatric future is in doubt. Evidence shows that after the natural death in the womb of a twin the survivor is unusually liable to experience depression in later life. How much more damaging the knowledge, and the subsequent guilt, that they were the lucky chosen one if the child grows up knowing that his or her brother or sister was eradicated so that they might have a better lifestyle when a

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

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INVESTMENTS

Rising young star offered wealth of opportunities

By DOMINIC KENNEDY AND CAROL MIDGLEY

PHILLIP BENNETT is one of the world's leading young researchers into the prevention of miscarriages. Colleagues believe that his reputation should easily survive the furore over the aborted twin. He has just rejected the chance to double his salary in the United States in order to accept a professor's chair at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

Professor Bennett is one of the bright young stars in British obstetrics and gynaecology." Lord Winston, the test-tube baby pioneer, said. "He has done a lot of exciting work on the prevention of premature labour and he is a person a very large number of units in this country and



overseas were trying to recruit."

Professor Bennett, 37, has been married for six years to a midwife and is childless by choice. He was on a consultant's salary of about £45,000 at Queen Charlotte's last year when St George's, the teaching hospital in Tooting, south London, made clear that he was a prime candidate for its vacant chair of Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The job would have entailed running a department and teaching students. He decided

Knowing that King's College Hospital. London, and several foreign institutions were also keen to recruit him. Queen Charlotte's offered him a highly cherished "personal" chair. This carries a starting salary of about £55,000, but leaves him free to pursue his research without the burden of administrative duties or

Professor Bennett is investigating how molecular biology can be applied to obstetrics to prevent miscarriages. Most professors have little to do with abortions, which are mainly left to more junior doctors, but he is one of the few in Britain with the skill to perform a selective termination in a multiple pregnancy.

He was formerly a registrar at St George's, where Stuart Stanton, a consultant, said: "He is a good doctor clinically and a very bright researcher. I am sure he will weather this storm."

The story began with a remark by Professor Bennett to Caroline Phillips of the Sunday Express during an interview last Wednesday in the wake of the frozen embryos controversy. Ms Phillips, who had her baby at the hospital and is a member of its advisory committee, was to have written an article about the moral dilemmas facing doctors who carry out abortions.

"We talked about a whole range of issues, such as when a foetus can feel pain, the ethics of carrying out abortions at 40 weeks and the abortion pill," she said. "The story came out when I asked him what was the most difficult dilemma he had ever faced." The professor had been consulted about the final story before publication.

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School admission appeals increase 160% in six years

By David Charter, education correspondent

A RECORD number of parents are trying to win their children places at popular schools but more are being disappointed, Whitehall figures disclosed yesterday. Appeals by parents for admission to their first-choice school rose 20 per cent last year, but the success rate at formal hear-

More parents are hiring barristers to represent them at appeal panels. Others have lied about their address, pretended to be regular churchgoers or invented medical conditions for their children to try to win appeals.

Government promises of parental choice and a growing awareness of rights of appeal were blamed yesterday for a 160 per cent rise in appeals over six years. In 1994-95, 54,427 appeals were lodged, of which 38,032 were heard and 4,839 were successful. The previous year. 45,876 appeals were lodged, 32,188 were heard and 13,255 were successful — 41 per cent compared with 39 per cent last year.

Saxon Spence, chairwoman of the Association of County Councils' education commit tee, said: "It has become a bit of a nightmare in some areas. Part of the solution must be making sure your schools are equally attractive so people are happy with their local

school rather than shopping

Mrs Spence, also education chairwoman in Devon, said: 'We have had several extraordinary cases in Devon where children are within half a mile of their local school but because it is full they have got to go miles away." The appeals are organised

by the local education authority, but have an independent chairman. Tony Barron, education chairman in Hampshire, said: "Parents will give false addresses or say their children are living with grand-parents who live near the school. They will say their children are 'bus phobic' or that they have to go to a particular school because they go to work in that direction. We rely on officers of the county council to go and check the address and make sure all the reasons given by parents for the appeal are correct."

Stephen Byers, the Labour education spokesman who re-leased the figures, said: This shows the extent to which this Government has deceived parents. It promised that they would be able to send children to the school of their choice, yet

the reality is quite different. "The Government has deliberately sought to raise the expectations of parents, lead-ing many to believe that they had a right to send their child to the school they chose. The hopes of thousands of parents have been dashed."

The Parent's Charter was updated two years ago to clarify their rights after claims that it exaggerated the ability to choose a school. It states: You can say which school you would prefer your child to go to. Your choice is wider as a result of recent changes. As a general rule, you now have a right to a place in the school you want unless all the places at the school have been given to pupils who have a stronger claim to a place at

that school." A spokesman for the Education and Employment Department said that a recent survey for the National Foundation for Educational Research had found that 85 per cent of parents were satisfied with admissions procedures.

The spokesman said: "All parents have a right to appeal if they are refused a place and more parents are becoming aware of this right. The vast majority of parents do get a place at a school for which they have expressed a

preference.
"It is thanks to this Government that parents have a second chance through the appeals system, and 40 per cent of them are successful."



Kelly Holmes, who ran in the 800m and 1,500m



Dublin welcomes Olympic heroine

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

MICHELLE SMITH, Ireland's triple Olympic champion, arrived in Dublin to a heroine's welcome yesterday. Clutching her three gold and one bronze medals, she stepped from the plane into torrential rain.

The weather cut the numbers who turned out to greet her and the rest of the Irish team: 60,000 had been expected to attend a rally in the city centre, but only about 6,000 braved the rain. The welcome was in stark contrast to the low-key affair at Gatwick, where only a few friends and families gathered to meet the returning British team.

In Dublin, Smith was first

off the plane and was greeted on the tarmac by Mary Robinson, the Irish President. who led to suggestions that she tion that Smith denied

repeatedly.

haviour inside and outside the pool. The swimmer's unexpected success in Atlanta was using drugs to enhance her performance, an allega-

She and the other athletes travelled in open-topped bus-es from the airport to the General Post Office in O'Connell Street, where bands entertained, balloons were released and congratulatory banners were draped from homes,

offices and shops.

At Gatwick, the biggest cheers were reserved for the oarsman Matthew Pinsent. who with Steve Redgrave won Britain's solitary gold medal, and for the silver medal winners Roger Black

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burgh, jumped on the Rangers player Andy Goram, appar-ently to try to force the abandonment of the game. Harvie's team, Hibernian.

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Fan jailed

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A football fan who attacked a goalkeeper during a match was jailed for a year yesterday. Eric Harvie, 26, of Edin-

was losing 2-0. Goram twisted free and restrained Harvie.
Sheriff Farrell, at Edinburgh Sheriff Court, said the assault "could have triggered major public disorder".

Boy dies in crash

A 14-year-old boy died and three other teenagers were badly injured when a stolen car crashed at high speed into a wall at Corse, near Gloucester. The youngsters had absconded from care in Apperley. Tewkesbury.

Shand Kydd case

Frances Shand Kydd, 60, mother of the Princess of Wales, was charged with driving with excess alcohol and failing to provide a breath sample at Oban Sheriff Court. The case was adjourned until

Skeleton mystery

A woman aged 70, arrested after a skeleton was found in a balcony flower bed, has been released pending inquiries. The skeleton, of an elderly woman, was unearthed outside a flat in St John's Wood, northwest London.

Fire boy caution

A boy aged 11 was cautioned after having started fires causing £100,000 damage in central Portsmouth. A police spokesman said: "Having regard to all circumstances and his mental state, it was decided a caution was appropriate."

Sea rescue

Brighton West Pier, the only [] Grade I listed pier, is to be saved from irreparable sea damage by almost £1 million of National Lottery grants. including an initial grant of £950.000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Hamilton tribute

The widow of Geoff Hamilton. presenter of BBC2's Gardeners' World, has agreed to allow the final programme he recorded to be shown on Friday as a tribute. Mr Hamilton. 59, died during a charity bicycle ride on Sunday.

CORRECTION

A television review of Inside Storv: The Lady Guns (August l) wrongly stated that one woman kept her gun in an unlocked kitchen cupboard. In fact the weapon is kept in a locked gun safe within the

Tory's son on murder charge

THE son of a leading Conservative Party fundraiser was charged with his murder yesterday. Nicholas Bull, 28, a car salesman, was remanded for seven days by magistrates in

Robert Bull, 59, a retired Post Office executive, was discovered on Sunday at his home in Costessey, Norfolk, where his son, a former vicechairman of the Costessey Conservative Association, also lives. Mr Bull died from haemorrhaging and shock

Jail order for 'nice people'

By A STAFF REPORTER

TWO "peace protesters" were sentenced to 28 days in prison yesterday after they refused to accept a court order to keep the peace. Richard Smith, 24, a Red Cross worker, and David Durham, 33, were found guilty of a public order offence when they tried to gain entry to a British Aerospace factory in Brough, Yorkshire.

Pocklington Magistrates' Court was told that the pair were acting with others in support of the four women who were cleared last week of damaging a Hawk jet. Protestbeing sold illegally to the Indonesian military regime for use in East Timor where more than 200,000 people

After being found guilty. Smith and Durham refused to be bound over and were found in contempt of court. Neville White, the stipendiary magistrate, said the pair should realise they were not martyrs: they were not being sentenced for their part in the demonstration, but for not accepting court punishment. He said: "I have some sympathy for your position. The last thing I want

to do is send particularly nice people like you to jail."

However an appeal was immediately lodged and the two protesters were granted unconditional bail pending a hearing at Hull Crown Court.

After the decision, Smith, of Birmingham, said he believed the magistrate had been wrong. "As the case last week showed we have a lawful excuse to demonstrate at British Aerospace bases to stop genocide. I refuse to be bound over because I will be going back to protest at the atrocities

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Bradford draws line under Hockney's school By KATE ALDERSON there. It was a Victorian city." He said he had happy

THE Victorian school where David Hockney developed his love of art as a child is to be demolished to make way for

Hockney, 59, who was born and raised in Bradford but now lives in Los Angeles, was a pupil at the Wellington School in Eccleshill in the 1940s. He attended the junior school between the ages of 8 and II and spent many hours

One of his earliest works, a doodle showing a teacher grabbing a small child by the scruff of the neck, was drawn while he was a pupil. The derelict 120-year-old school, which has a Gothic spire, was vandalised after it closed in

Bradford council has sold the property for about £250,000 to Allen Homes and the school will be buildozed in the next formight. Its connection with the famous artist was not discovered until re-

Shotgun

farmer

'was scared

to death'

By A Staff Reporter

A FARMER who shot an

intruder told police that he fired because he thought the man was going to kill him. Kenneth Hall, 63, said he

never intended to hit Neil

Hartley, 32, who was breaking

Mr Hall told police that,

when he realised there was an

intruder, "I was frightened to death. I didn't know what was

out there, so I got the 12-bore

Mr Hall, of Thurstonland,

west Yorkshire, said he put the

lights on and let the dog out

before going outside, where he saw Hartley kneeling by the car with his hand inside it. He

told police: "He jumped up.

He must have seen me with

the gun. He said something to

the effect of, 'I'll get you, you

bastard. I've got a knife." "I was frightened. As he

was running round the car

towards me, I went up with

the gun, intending to shoot

over his head. It went off." he

said. "I was frightened I was

going to get killed or injured. I

wouldn't have shot at him if he

Hartley, from Hudders-

field, who admitted theft at a

hearing in December, told

Bradford Crown Court yester-

day that he had been running

away from Mr Hall when he

was hit. A Home Office scien-

tist concluded that the shotgun

had been behind Hartley

when it was fired. Mr Hall

denies causing grievous bodi-

ly harm with intent and an

alternative charge of grievous bodily harm without intent.

hadn't come at me."

into a car at his farm.



Hockney's doodle of life

cently. Jon Silver, owner of Salts Mill, in nearby Saltaire, which houses a large Hockney collection, said: "I know David has fond memories of the old school and he has made a point of defending Bradford's

architectural heritage." centre of Bradford is totally

as a pupil at the school

Speaking from Los Angeles, Hockney lamented the destruction of another Victorian building in his home city: "The

Antarctic

scientists

prone to

infection

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

DOCTORS are baffled by a discovery that scientists work-

ing in Antarctica suffer from

The finding fits in with anec-

dotal evidence that people

coming home from a summer

in Antarctica are unusually

prone to colds and other

minor infections in the first

The population in Antarcti-

ca consists of fit people in the

prime of life. They are spared infection largely because of

the pristine conditions of the

continent and its isolation. says Des Lugg, an Australian who has worked there.

But when infections arrive,

they can spread rapidly. "The

very big worry is that, if we

introduced something dangerous down there, they would be unable to deal with

it," said Dr Lugg, who is in Cambridge this week for an

Two Antarctic workers con-

tracted hepatitis when they

had themselves tattooed in New Zealand. When they returned to the Antarctic, the

disease spread so rapidly that

the research station had to be

Dr Lugg suggested that the increased ultra-violet light

might be affecting the hor-

mones and the immune

system indirectly, or that the

strain of isolation could affect

the brain and the hormones.

Rachel Campbell-Johnston.

Shackleton auction, page 16

Antarctic conference.

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few weeks.

ence as the building is not listed," he said. No opposition to the school's demolition has been received by the council.

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York river Unru Ninth

York rivalled London as a centre of military power and as the temporary capital of the Empire

Unruly Tykes stretched Ninth Legion to the limit

EVEN the Romans found Yorkshiremen difficult. Displaying the cussed independence of mind that marks them out to this day, they showed a marked refuctance to come to the imperial heel when called, and the Emperor Vespasian had to order up the Ninth Legion to sort them out.

Yorkshire was fine when it was run by a woman — a notion that present-day members of the county cricket club may find a little tough to digest. During the earliest years of occupation the Brigantes, the loose federation of northern English and southern Scottish tribes, had been well disposed towards the incomers. Their queen, Cartimandua, had a deal with the Romans that she would keep the peace in the north from her headquarters at Stanwick, near the modern town of Richmond.

But in AD 71 she lost the throne to her estranged husband, Venutius, who led the north in revolt. In that same year the Ninth moved north from its former base at Lincoin and established a new fort and headquarters at Eboracum, from which it directed all subjugation and peacekeeping in the north for the next three centuries.

York grew in size and stature, its defences occasionally strengthened and enlarged, until it rivalled London in wealth and importance. wall, its plan in the standard



The perfectly preserved hairpiece found in a cemetery

Roman shape of a playing

card, are visible in the city

centre, but the buildings of

modern York mean that exca-

vation is restricted. Little has

been uncovered of the fort,

and even less of the substan-

tial colonia, or civilian town,

that grew up opposite on the

York railway station uncov-

Last century the builders of

south bank of the Ouse.

When the northerners were being particularly trouble-some, the Emperor himself journeyed from Rome and set up his court there to direct operations. It became Aldershot and Windsor rolled into one, a major garrison town and, with the Emperor in residence, temporary capital

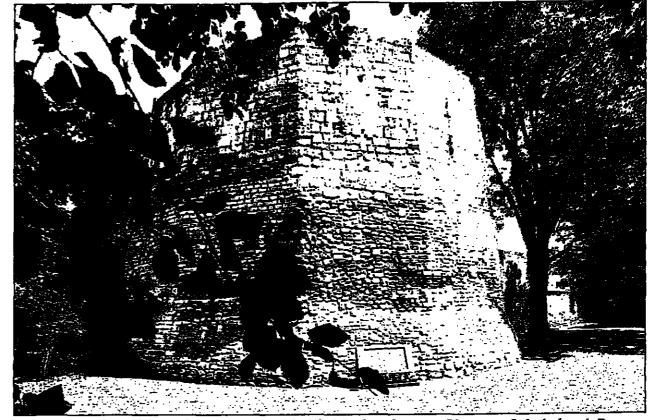
of the Roman empire. Hadrian probably visited York during his wall-building mission in 122; Severus died there while campaigning against the recalcitrant Caledonians in 211; and Constantine was proclaimed Emperor there in 306 while fighting with his father.

Substantial and impressive sections of the fortress's outer

house complex. Digging elsewhere, particularly in the Roman cemeteries, has unearthed a superb and virtually complete floor mosaic and several magnificent and ornate tombstones, indicating a wealthy, cosmopolitan and cultured city that attracted soldiers, merchants and the rich and influential from all corners of the empire.

The 3rd century tomb of a lady called Julia Velva, now in the Yorkshire Museum, is especially fine, showing the lady herself reclining on a chaise-longue with a wine jar in her hand and her husband and children around her. But ly human exhibit is a perfectly preserved hank of beautiful auburn hair held with two carved jet hairpins, assumed to be the hairpiece of a glamorous inhabitant of 3rd century York, and recovered from a nearby cemetery.

During the 1960s, when the central tower of York Minster was pronounced in serious danger of collapse, archaeologists had an immense stroke of good luck. As engineers dug



The tower that formed the northwestern corner of the Ninth Legion's fortress at Eboracum. Only the base is Roman

deep in the undercroft to instal massive new concrete underpinning, they came across the remains of the fort's basilica. the long columned room forming the centrepiece of the military headquarters.

In its Roman heyday, York was a city of large, elegant,

expensively decorated, centrally heated and fully plumbed town houses occupied by persons of quality. By that late stage in the Roman

era, some of them may even

have been Yorkshiremen.

A DISH TO SET BEFORE AN EMPEROR

A Roman recipe from the 1st century AD is among the exhibits in the Roman Galleries of the York-

asparagus tips in a mortanum wy bowl) and pound. Add wine

conander, savory, onion and add wine, garum (a fish sauce related to Lea and Perrins' Worcestershire sauce) and oil Put puree and spices into a greased shallow dish and, if you wish, break eggs over it when it is on the line so that the mixture sets Sprinkle finely ground pepper over it

Where all roads lead to Romans

ROMAN York is easily accomplished on foot, and takes in much else on the way in a city seriously overprovided with tourist honeypots. Begin at Museum Gardens — five minutes' walk from York station — with a visit to the Yorkshire Museum.

Its centrepiece is a bust of Constantine, but the recently redesigned galleries house an excellent collection of gravestones, artefacts and the famous hank of Roman hair, plus good explanatory material on the Roman occupation of northern Britain, excellent floor mosaic and fragments of decorative wall plaster from the camp at Catterick (they were there long before latterday conscripts reported for National Service).

From the museum, inspect the adjoining Multiangular Tower, a substantial survivor of the Roman defences, then walk alongside the Roman wall to Bootham Bar, one of York's medieval gateways.

medieval wall, which follows the line of the Roman fortifications. At Monk Bar you are forced to descend to the street, but ascend again on the other side and walk the wall a little further to see substantial remains of the Roman original. Retrace your steps to Monk

Bar, descend and walk along Goodramgate to the Minster, inspecting the re-erected Roman pillar on the way. Door and descend to the undercroft to inspect the discoveries made in the late 60s - not only Roman, but Norman and medieval.

Some guidebooks speak of the drainage system for the city's bathhouse, inspected down a manbole by prior arrangement with the museum. This is not currently open to the public.

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MI5 appeals for power to tap digital mobile phones

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

mobile telephones, which can be used by terrorists and organised criminals without

fear of eavesdropping.

The telephones, which cost as little as £5, are a challenge for the most sophisticated computerised decoding tech-niques used by MI5 and Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist

Each telephone has its own rolling" code, which scrambles every call. Conversations could be intercepted easily. however, if the intelligence services were given access to the encryption keys, which are known only to the telephone

MI5 and the anti-terrorist branch have urged the De-partment of Trade and Industry to grant them access to the encryption keys as part of new egislation being drawn up to safeguard the burgeoning international telecommunica-

The threat posed by mobile telephones is understood to

THE intelligence services are anti-terrorism conference attended by the Group of Seven nations in Paris last month.

More than 40 countries are linked into the global system for mobile communications (GSM), which allows untappable telephone calls to be made between them as part of a so-called "roaming agreement". This means that terrorists and criminals can communicate around the world without the risk of

The most secure form of communication today is for one GSM subscriber in one country to phone another GSM subscriber in another country," a spokesman for Cellnet said. "There is a rolling code which means that every call is individually coded." Vodasone said that there were 15 million GSM sub-

eavesdropping.

scribers around the world. The security risk has increased greatly because of the rapid rise in digital mobile telephones in the past 12 months. Vodafone and Celltelephone companies in Brit-

East and Africa. Cellnet has about 500,000 digital subscribers, 443,000 of whom bought their telephones in the last 12 months. Vodafone has 718,000 digital subscribers, a

rise of 38 per cent in the past

All these telephones have the benefit of a code, carried inside a smartcard in the handset, which scrambles speech. Only a few people in the telephone companies are authorised to gain access to the codes, and then only when telephone needs to be checked for maintenance.

DTI's proposals is to protect information from snooping. The plan is to license a "trusted third party", probably a banking organisation. which would be responsible for providing special encryption services to protect the confidentiality of electronic information.

MIS and the police, however, have urged the DTI to give them authority to apply for the encryption keys to

by suspected terrorists and organised criminals.

The new policy will include the legal safeguards that al-ready exist when MI5 and the police apply for a warrant to tap telephones and open mail. Security authorities would be iven access only to the code for specific mobile telephones. At their recent conference,

President Clinton and the other G7 leaders called for all nations to unite to fight terrorism. Frederick Piper, Professor of Mathematics at Royal Holloway College, London University, and an expert in encryption, said: "One way is for nations to agree about the interception of international

The DTI will bring forward

legislation after a consultation period. It said: "There is a growing demand for encryption services. In developing an encryption policy for the information society, we have also had to consider how the spread and availability of fect the ability of the authorities to continue to fight serious



Disgruntled Laker Airways passengers at Gatwick during their 49-hour delay

Laker tourists take off after 49-hour delay BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

AIR CORRESPONDENT

SIR FREDDIE LAKER, the pioneer of cut-price transatlantic air travel, was given a rude welcome back to the market yesterday when 353 of his passengers were delayed for more than 49 hours.

Sir Freddie began offering regular flights again in May. But he was forced to begin the service with three "borrowed" aircraft, and when one had to go for maintenance and another was damaged in a storm, chaos ensued.

With passengers stranded all Sir Freddie - who was enjoying a barbecue at his home in Florida to celebrate his 74th birthday yesterday could do was to "sincerely

John Trouncer, who paid £4,000 for his family's threeweek holiday in Orlando, said as he finally went through the departure gate at the twelfth attempt: "We would like to

Sir Freddie had chartered a 747 jet to try to salvage the situation, but this then developed a fault on the door. Finally a Laker aircraft arrived at Gatwick yesterday, but failed initially to get a take-off

The explanations did not go down well. Dozens of passengers refused to leave the main concourse at Gatwick until they had received a guarantee that their holiday would begin. Even when they were handed a letter written by Sir Freddie — which informed them that it was his birthday — they would not be pacified. Police had kept an eye on



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Laker: he celebrated his birthday in Florida

forced to give back their dutyfree purchases and could not retrieve their baggage, which had been checked in on Sunday.

They thought it was suspi-cious when they arrived at Gatwick to be told that they were being taken to an hotel for the day. They were angry that notes from Laker Airways, warning them of further delays, were pushed under the door rather than the representatives telling them to their

Nicholas Hooper, 24, from Shanklin, Isle of Wight, who had saved for three years for his holiday, said: "When we were told it was Freddie's birthday we had a great singalong. But I won't tell you some of the words."

Laker Airways said that many of the passengers' accounts were inaccurate. "We have bent over backwards to do everything we can," a spokeswoman said. "No one wanted anything like this to occur, but every airline has delays. It's very sad." Six families chose not to take the flight and would be refunded.

Hypnosis acts face stricter controls

the passengers, who were

By STEWART TENDLER

STAGE hypnotists whose acts have provoked complaints from the public could be blacklisted under Home Office proposals. Local authori-ties could consult the list before issuing licences.

The proposal was outlined yesterday in a guidance paper sent to councils after a report by a panel of psychologists and psychiatrists highlighted the risks of stage hypnosis. Though deciding they were small, the panel called for lougher safeguards.
The blacklist proposal is

described as an attempt to keep controls to a minimum and reflect the level of risk. Any action which would be likely to cause harm, anxiety or distress would be banned. Stage hypnotists would also be prohibited from trying to treat any medical condition.

Margaret Harper, whose 24-year-old daughter died from a fit after being hypnotised on stage, said the proposals still favoured the performers. She would have prefered to see a total ban. Mrs Harper, who heads a national campaign to outlaw the acts, also wanted to know who would monitor them.

Foxy lady escapes hotfoot campers

A FOX has left campers hopping by stealing footwear in nocturnal raids on their tents. The female thief has been nicknamed Imelda after the Philippine shoe collector,

Mrs Marcos. Shoes, trainers and boots have gone missing at Tekels Park campsite in Camberley. Surrey. The fox has been seen making off with some. A few were found chewed, but most are never seen again.

Some campers believe the thefts stem from their tents being pitched over a hunting route. Annie Sutton, 4l. from Coventry, the organiser of a summer camp for the Round Table in England, part of the theosophical movement, said: We are the intruders here. The best part was when the children staged an evening entertainment, they sang Here Comes the Fox Again to the tune of Here Comes the Rain Again. The fox sat under a tree and listened.

Claudio Sillero, of the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit, Oxford, said: "Foxes are attracted to odd-smelling things, and shoes make good play objects, Imeida probably



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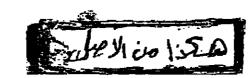
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Republican heavy guns concentrate their fire on 'vulnerable' First Lady

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

LEADING Republicans, convinced that Hillary Clinton has become her husband's greatest liability, yesterday claimed that the First Lady was personally involved in clandestine efforts to fire seven members of the White House travel

The allegations, which contradict Mrs Clinton's sworn testimony

about her role in the so-called "Travelgate" scandal, came as Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, was said to be expanding his Whitewater investigation to seek further indictments by the end of September, only five weeks before the presidential election.

A Republican review of White House records has indicated Mrs Clinton demanded that two top aides take action against the White House travel staff two days before they were sacked in May 1993. Mack McLarty, the former White House chief of staff, and Harry Thomason, the Hollywood producer and Clinton acolyte, both told Congress that Mrs Clinton had played a part in the débacle.

I believe the First Lady had a serious concern about this matter. and I felt pressure from her to take it seriously and to act upon it if necessary," said Mr McLarty in congressional documents made

public for the first time yesterday. Mr Thomason, who choreographed the Clinton inauguration and later sought a position at the White House, testified that Mrs Clinton told him the travel office staff "must be potten out".

Mrs Clinton's possible role in the firings first surfaced in a 1993 memo drafted by David Watkins, the former head of White House administration. The note said that there would be "hell to pay" if he did not purge the travel office in line with the First Lady's wishes to get our people in and get those people out".

William Clinger, the Republican chairman of the House govern-ment reform and oversight com-mittee, said the congressional review of meetings, telephone calls and contacts, including a limited examination of 2,000 pages being witheld by the White House under executive privilege, supported the privilege are for his political sec-

memo. Mr Watkins claimed he had been forced to take action under pressure from Mrs Clinton, Mr McLarty, Mr Thomason and Vincent Foster, the former deputy counsel found shot dead in a park outside Washington soon

afterwards. "Why did the White House go to such lengths to prevent us from knowing this?" Mr Clinger asked. "Mr Clinton's claims of executive

release by Congress of testimony given in June reflects a new Republican impetus behind the Whitewater and travel office investigations after last week's partial acquittal of two Arkansas bankers which the White House claimed as a victory for the President. Herby Branscum and Robert Hill had been accused of misusing funds to promote Mr Clinton's political

Dole plan for tax cuts at odds with 'feelgood' factor

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

"gambling with our future"

with a "risky last-minute

scheme that would balloon the

deficit". Mr Dole's promise of \$548 billion (£355 billion) in

The Republican manifesto

in every election since 1976 has

called for a constitutional

amendment outlawing abor-

tion, but it has become a

symbol of the party's per-

ceived intolerance and polls

indicate nearly three-quarters

of the electorate opposing such

In June, Mr Dole launched

an attempt to soften it. He said

that the call for a constitution-

al amendment should be ac-

companied by a "declaration

of tolerance" that would state:

"We also recognise that mem-

bers of our party have deeply

held, and sometimes differing,

views on issues of personal

conscience like abortion and

capital punishment." He told

resolved. It is non-negotiable."

relation to abortion.

an extreme position.

Hardliners destroy

deal on abortion

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IT HAS taken many months, but Bob Dole has finally produced a genuine issue on which to fight November's presidential election.

With Monday's call for massive tax cuts to "unshackle the US economy from the biggovernment ball-and-chain the Republican nominee has at last drawn a clear distinction between himself and President Clinton and rallied his party's conservative base before next week's convention.

Mr Dole is reclaiming the pro-growth standard that gave the Republicans three successive White House victories in the 1980s. He is embracing the populism and blithe economic optimism that served Ronald Reagan so well, but whether that formula can

AMERICAN conservatives

have dealt Bob Dole a humili-

ating blow in the run-up to

next week's Republican con-

vention by defeating his at-

tempt to soften the party's

A coalition of the Religious

Right and Pat Buchanan sup-

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to in San Diego this week

rejected the compromise lan-

dential nominee had sug-

said that Mr Dole's defeat

would gravely undermine his

efforts to attract the crucial

votes of moderate suburban-

ites, especially women, this

November. The White House

said Mr Dole's defeat showed

that the Religious Right now

controlled the Republican Par-

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window in favour of Pat Buch-

anan and Pat Robertson."

Mike McCurry, President

Clinton's spokesman, said.

gested this summer.

"Pro-choice"

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highly questionable. Despite a including a 15 per cent acrosswave of hostile editorials and the-board income tax reduc-Wall Street scepticism yestertion, just might prove the elixir day. Republicans insist it will. his floundering campaign des-They say its continuing poten-cy was proved by Christine perately needs, but equally it could prove suicidal. Todd Whitman's dramatic vic-Mr Dole's strategy is based on the assumption that Ameritory in New Jersey's 1993

governor's election after promcans are as economically disising 30 per cent tax cuts. contented as they were after The White House's feverish the malaise of the Carter years reaction to Mr Dole's anin 1980, or again in 1992 when nouncement showed it too President Bush's apparent fears the promise of drastical-ly reduced taxation still resolack of a plan for ending the recession cost him his job. nates with voters. Within But opinion polls and other hours it was broadcasting data suggest that it is not the advertisements in about 25 key states that accused Mr Dole of

case. With his customary lack of screndipity, Mr Dole made his announcement on the day America's index of leading economic indicators reached a record high. Last week government figures showed the economy expanding at a robust 4.2 per cent, hardly the "anaemic" growth of which Mr Dole complained, Inflation, interest rates and unemployment are all very low, and the federal deficit has halved during Mr Clinton's first

The benefits of America's economic recovery have been unevenly distributed, but a new poll in The Washington Post shows Americans trust Mr Clinton more than Mr Dole on economic issues and 56 per cent approve of the President's economic performance — his highest rating since February 1993. Half the respondents felt better off under Mr Clinton and only 29 per cent worse off.

After 15 years in which the national debt has quintupled to \$5,000 billion, voters are also far more aware of the corrosive effects of endless annual deficits. The same Washington Post poll showed that 58 per cent would rather see the budget balanced than their taxes cut.

Mr Dole is, of course. an interviewer: "It has been promising to cut taxes and On Monday night conserva-tives forced Mr Dole to back balance the budget, but most economists and many newsdown by threatening to dis-rupt the convention. They paper editorials yesterday dismissed his assumption that tax cuts would generate an deleted from his proposal any extra \$217 billion through reference to "tolerance" in faster growth.



Giselle Howard, the two alleged phone-tappers Carlos Sanchez, top, and Carlos Fernandez, middle, and Prince Felipe

Georgia belle denies royal romance

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

UNDER oath in a New York courthouse a long-legged blonde from Georgia denied, in an elastic Southern accent, that she was sizing up to be the next Queen of

Giselle Howard, 26, said that she was not, repeat not, the girlfriend of Prince Felipe, the heir to the Spanish throne. Miss Howard was appearing at the Manhattan Supreme Court trial of a man accused of tapping her telephone illegallv. He allegedly hoped to garner details of her "romance".

Asked if she was stepping out with the prince, 28, Miss Howard gave forth an emphatic "no!" A lawyer acting for the accused asked her if, since rumours of

Yes, S Howard, wearing a cream silk trouser suit and a cool expression. "Because you are the girlfriend of the prince of Spain?" Michael Hertzberg, the lawyer, asked. Miss Howard: "No. Because people believe I am a girlfriend of Felipe."

In the public gallery of the court sat many Spanish reporters, anxious to convey the latest news back to their homeland where Miss Howard, a former model, has become a source of great speculation. She has been compared to the late Grace Kelly, the last American to become part of European royalty when

she married Prince Rainier of Monaco. Gossip was fuelled when Miss Howard and Prince Felipe. who is studying in

her royal dalliance started, it was not true America, were photographed together in that she has become a target for the the Caribbean surf, strolling in New rork's Central Pa hugs. Reports said that Queen Sofia had approved Miss Howard and in her home state of Georgia, there was excitement at the possibility the local girl could end up calling a Madrid palace home.

The court heard a tape made last summer in which Miss Howard was asked: "Can you imagine being the Queen of Spain?" She replied: "It is too soon for that."

Carlos Sanchez, a photographer, has pleaded not guilty to bugging the telephone at Miss Howard's former New York flat. He and Carlos Fernandez, an alleged accomplice, who will be tried separately, face up to four years in jail if found guilty.

Spanglish is the last word for Hispanic migrants

FROM DAVID ADAMS

JUST as a campaign is gathering pace in the United States to make English the only official language, a new study has shown what linguists have been saying all along: it is not necessary. Foreign languages spoken by new immi-grants die out quickly.

Swept by a national wave of anti-immigrant sentiment, Congress is debating an "English only" law for public documents, including election ballots. Research in Miami has found, however, that Spanish is already a language in decline among Hispanic immigrants.

While parents are left la-menting their children's loss of cultural identity with their former homelands, business leaders now worry that the lack of fluency bodes ill for Miami's role as a Latin American business centre. Miami's \$56 billion (£36.3 billion) economy is buoyed by almost 130,000 businesses with ties to Latin America and the Caribbean.

Experts say that the trend applies to Hispanic communities throughout the country. The fastest-growing ethnic group in the country, Hispanics now number more than 20 million people, or about 10 per cent of the population.

The study is a surprise to the "English only" campaigners, who complain that Spanish seems to be the only language spoken in Miami. However, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Cubanborn Republican congress-"Every immigrant knows that to triumph in this country they have to learn English."

According to Sandra Fradd. the study's author and a professor of bilingual education at the University of Miami, fewer than 2 per cent of Miami area students leave secondary school with fluency in Spanish. Most children of Hispanic immigrants who grow up with Spanish as their first language at home often lose their fluency after they start school.

Many immigrants who speak Spanish at home see further instruction as unnecessary, choosing to opt for other subjects when they reach secondary school. So little attention is paid to Spanish in school that most Hispanic children grow up speaking "kitchen Spanish" or "Spanglish", picked up from their parents and other rela-tives. While they may be able to get by conversationally, they are ill equipped for the bilingual job market, where high levels of literacy are

Linguists say what keeps Spanish alive is the flow of Latin American immigrants to the area. A cutback in immigration would kill Spanish fluency in Miami within a generation.

Calls for a bilingual public school system have met local resistance. "Bilingualism is a bad word in the current antiimmigration climate," Ms

Steamy 'Lolita' scares off Americans

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES



Irons: no stranger to explicit sex scenes

JEREMY IRONS, one of Britain's most respected exports to Hollywood, may never be seen by American audiences in his next film because it depicts him having sexual intercourse

with a 14-year-old girl. Irons, 47, plays Professor Humbert Humbert in an intensely controversial remake of Vladimir Nabokov's Lolita. Directed by the British connoisseur of screen sex. Adrian Lyne, the film has no American backer six months after filming was completed. As one studio executive put it this week: "No one [in Hollywood] will touch it". The new Lolita was made

for \$50 million (£30 million) by the French company Chargeurs, which expects only slight resistance from continental censors to the film's graphic sex and nudity despite the fact that the lead is played by a 14 year-old Malibu schoolgiri.

The North American market is proving harder to crack. With presidential politics shining a spotlight on Hollywood morals. "this movie was doomed from the start", Mr Lyne said this week, just after Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, urged studios to make more wholesome action films. In an acid reference to Mr Dole's apparent tolerance for films with a high body count, Mr Lyne said: "If I were doing a movie about a 13-year-old getting chopped up by a cannibal, there'd be no problem." No stranger to sexual scan-

dal, Mr Lyne also directed 91/2 Weeks. Fatal Attraction and Indecent Proposal, all boasting explicit sex scenes but all involving only consenting adults. Mr Irons is likewise a veteran of screen sex, with such stars as Meryl Streep in The French Lieutenant's Woman and Juliette Binoche in Damage. Both men are breaking new

ground with Lolita, however. The choice of Dominique Swain, an unknown in her first year of high school, for the female lead, is certain to raise the hackles of politicians, moralists and censors alike.

Death penalty for child killer

Los Angeles: A jury has recommended the death penalty for Richard Allen Davis. se murder of a 12-yearold girl three years ago triggered the "three strikes" legislation aimed at cracking down on serial criminals (Giles Whittell writes).

The disappearance of Polly Klaas from her home in California prompted a twomonth nationwide hunt. When Davis confessed to the murder and it emerged that he had other assaults on women on his record, grief turned to public outrage. Pete Wilson, the state Governor, and Dianne Feinstein, Democratic senator. spoke at the funeral and demanded tough new laws.

Disaster of Flight 800 'began in cargo hold'

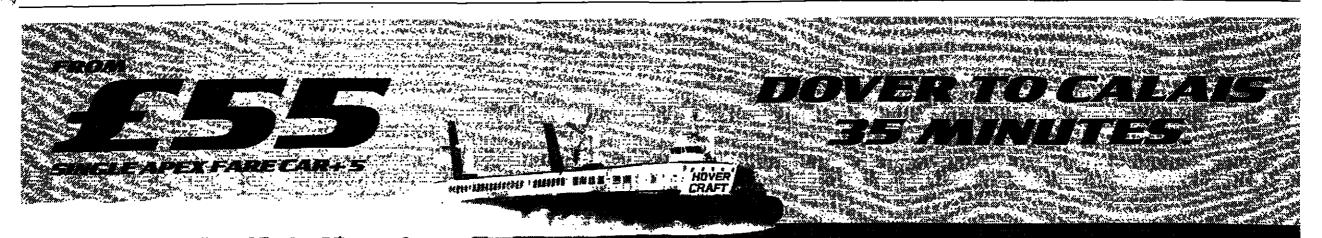
FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK If, as suspected, the crash

A TRAIL of luggage and clothing which fell from TWA Flight 800 has been found in the Atlantic up to six miles from the main crash site, it was disclosed yesterday.

The debris has strengthened suspicions that something went wrong in the cargo hold of the Boeing 747 iet. which crashed with the loss of 230 lives. The fact that the luggage was found so far from the main wreckage of the jumbo jet suggests that Flight 800's problems started in the hold, before spreading to the rest of the aircraft. After an estimated 24 seconds the jet burst into flames.

was caused by a bomb, it may have been hidden in the hold rather than elsewhere on the jetliner. Earlier theories have included bombs being placed in the cockpit, in the first-class section's galley, or in one of the forward lavatories.
The latest TWA debris was

found by a US Navy search vessel equipped with a submersible camera. Shirts, trousers and a baseball cap were seen in the water, and closes examination of the seabed in the area betrayed pathetic suitcases, some still with their luggage labels and holiday



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FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PLATEAU DE MILLEVACHES

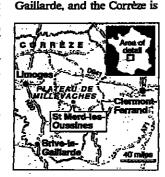
THE thousands of cows that gave this verdant hilltop its name may soon be reduced to a mere handful, according to residents of the Plateau de Millevaches who fear that the effects of the "mad cow" disease crisis could be the final blow to a farming population that has steadily dwindled over the past five

Even before the BSE crisis sent beef prices plummeting, French farms were dying off at the rate of almost 5 per cent a year. As late as the Second World War, agricultural workers made up 40 per cent of the French population, but today fewer than 2 per cent earn their living from the land. Between 1993 and last year more than 66,000 family farms vanished, according to figures from the Ministry of

René Courteix, Mayor of the tiny town of St Merd-les-Oussines perched on this plateau in the heart of the Corrèze region of central France, has seen the value of his herd of Limousin cattle dwindle since March. "It is catastrophic. Already some of

going under and heading to often referred to as his the cities," he observed. Driving through this rolling countryside, the effects of rural depopulation are visible

in the many boarded-up stone houses, some already in ruins. "Last century St Merd had a population of more than 500 people, now we are reduced to just over a hundred," M Courteix said. For the French Government, the gradual "desertification" of the land, now compounded by the effects of mad cow disease, represents a psychological as well as a political crisis, not least for President Chirac who has made much of his rural roots in the Corrèze. M Chirac



was raised in Brive-la-

personal fiefdom. He is, the locals proclaim proudly, the only President of the Fifth Republic able to milk a cow. Now, M Courteix insists, M Chirac must milk Brussels for increased compensation to help beleaguered French cattle farmers.

On the road leading to St Merd, cardboard placards nailed to gateposts state: "We need a fixed price for our cows this autumn" — they are remnants of the protests over mad cow disease earlier this year. Many French farmers blame Britain for the disaster but M Courteix insists: "This crisis has been building for a

In February the French Government began offering incentives to the rural population, including relief on social security charges and reduced property taxes, in an effort to anchor the declining rural population to the land. French farms have grown in size just as they have shrunk in number. On the Plateau de Millevaches, farmers have taken to planting conifers and begun diversifying into sheep, but in many cases the land is



Jacques Chirac likes to make much of his rural links to the Corrèze, but locals are fearful of mad cow disease and the end of a way of life

simply being allowed to lie

Cattle breeders are not the only sufferers. Many grain farmers blame European Union rules, which require land to lie fallow to prevent over-production, for reducing profits and accelerating the flow of young people to cities.

The statistics show that France is no longer a land of country people, but that conceit remains central to the national self-image. This month millions of city-dwellers will head to the countryside for a month of bucolic relaxation for, as one historian has observed, "a French-

man's second home is his

"In the past local men travelled north to carry out seasonal labour as stonemasons and the like. Now they go, but they do not come back." M Courteix said. "Instead we have seasonal people

few weeks and then leave

Robert Mazaud, 80, said: "This cow disease may be the end. Not a single cow here has caught this plague, but we are suffering. It does not make sense," he says, draining his

repeated across the Plateau de-Millevaches as the remaining farmers watch their once rich land left to grow weeds, their cattle suddenly rendered cheap and the cows themselves, shining with good health, threatened by the effects of an unknown disease

Netany talks of rejected Damas

Chechen raiders seize Grozny strongpoints

CHECHEN rebels launched a daring counter-offensive against Russian forces in the breakaway republic yesterday, capturing parts of the capital, Grozny, and laying siege to two smaller towns.

In the fiercest fighting witnessed in Chechenia since a similar guerrilla operation five months ago, hundreds of separatist fighters poured into Grozny in a dawn raid that underscored Russia's tenuous hold on the shattered city. At least 20 Russian troops

were killed and nearly 100 wounded. Russian armoured personnel carriers were left burning in the streets and up to four helicopters were shot

The rebels, who may have received assistance from supposedly pro-Russian militiathe devastated city centre and kept the Russians pinned

of the day. Government troops eventually called up helicopter gunships in an attempt to ther attacks.

lush them out Similar fighting was reported in the towns of Argun and

Shamil Basayev, the veteran Chechen commander, who masterminded last year's hostage-taking operation in Budennovsk and the surprise attack on Grozny in March. when the rebels seized and held large parts of the city for

several days. "The actions in Grozny have a single aim - showing that the war in Chechenia is not over yet," said Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen chief of staff and the leading moderate in the rebel hierarchy. His remarks were interto President Yeltsin that, unmountains, he can expect fur-Mr Yeltsin was returning to

work from three weeks' rest at a sanatorium after his reelection on July 3. Many fear The operation was led by that the rebels may try to mount a spectacular operation on Friday, when the Russian leader is due to be sworn in for another term.

In Moscow, the sense of foreboding deepened when a small bomb was detonated next to Rubivovskove Shosse. the main route taken by the Kremlin leadership to work. The device, which caused no casualties, blew up minutes before Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, drove past in a heavily protected

cavaicade.

The Russian authorities reviolence and Sergei Stepashin. less he calls off the current the head of the government Russian offensive against commission on Chechenia,

rebel strongholds in the ruled out any further talks with the rebels unless they denounced the raids.

☐ Miners' threat: Russian miners told the Government they will hold an all-out national strike unless it pays trillions of roubles in wage arrears by August 25.

As tens of thousands of miners in the Far East and southern Russia began returning to work vesterday after several days of stoppages, they issued a fresh ultimatum. Vitali Budko, the chairman of the independent miners' union, said after a meeting in Moscow that his members were still owed more than £200 million in back pay.

"The problem of non-payments is an issue for the Government to tackle. Why should miners suffer?" he does not fulfil our demands. we will start the strike on

By Richard Beeston

AS FINAL preparations were under way yesterday for Boris Yeltsin's lavish swearing in this week, Russians were left wondering whether they had elected a tsar or a President

From the ceremonial guards in 19th-century uniform to the strong religious trappings of the event, what was billed as the first inaugu-ration of an elected Russian head of state was starting to look like the latest in a long line of Kremlin coronations.

The event will be on Friday morning when the ailing Russian leader is due to appear in public for the first time in more than a month, taking his oath of office in front of 3,000 Russian and foreign digni-

taries. Nothing is being left to chance for the occasion and organisers are even planning to use aircraft to seed ap-proaching rain clouds in an attempt to ensure a sunny day. What has aroused public

tones, about 400 singers and musicians will perform the Glory finale of Glinka's patriotic opera Ivan Susanin. or Life for the Tsar, while 100 guards of the newly formed Kremlin Regiment will attend

6 Somewhere between the opening of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the coronation of Nicholas II in 1896 ?

Russia ready to crown Tsar Boris

suspicions and media derision is the location of the event, on the Kremlin's Cathedrai Square only yards from the Cathedral of the Assumption, where tsars were once crowned

To add to the regal over-

in Napoleonic-era uniforms. "I imagine the speciacle will provide a fruity hybrid, somewhere between the opening ceremony of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the coronation of Nicholas II in 1896," Leonid

Parfyonov, a television per-

the scene will probably look like a Bolshoi Theatre production of Boris Godunov . . . For Russians, it will be exactly what they wanted." Although organisers have

stopped short of a full crowning ceremony, Aleksi II, the Orthodox Patriarch, will present President Yeltsin with a jewel-encrusted gold cross and chain and a silver star, a replacement for the sceptre and orb once presented to Russian monarchs on their accession to the throne.

"This will make the inauguration ceremony especially solemn and will become yet more proof of our country's greatness," Nina Sivova, head the presidential state awards department, said.



Titanic: holidaymakers will visit her grave

Cruise to **Titanic** plumbs the depths

BY TOM RHODES

LATER this month some 2.200 passengers will cruise to the nied by Burt Reynolds, the former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, and a manifest of those who died when she struck an iceberg on her the maiden voyage on April 15, 1912.

tween E1,200 and £4,000 a head — is the latest brainchild of George Tulloch, who two years ago won temporary salvage rights to the world's most famous shipwreck. His company, RMS Titanic Inc. has plumbed ever greater depths of tackiness in its exploitation of the disaster.

This time, Mr Tulloch has promised that a "section of the hull will be recovered" from the Titanic within full view of the captive audience on board the two cruise liners. In fact, all that will be raised is a 33ft section of hull plating. He also intends to floodlight part of the ship for underwater cameras. British survivors and relatives of those who went down have been horrified at the prospect of the underwater

son et lumiere.

Brussels rulings for bakeries,

GERMANS, subtly revising their idealistic views on Europe, are outraged that they cannot have their cake and eat it. On a broad spectrum of issues, from subsidies to new

Bonne is at odds with the European Commission. The latest dispute hits at a German institution: the Sunday ritual of coffee and cake with friends and relatives; a weekend event that seems to have spread to every day of the week. Like all European bakers. German cake-makers have access to subsidised European butter, providing

they keep within strict guide-

lines about the proportion of

flour used in the pastry. Now the German Finance Ministry has informed pastry makers about Brussels directive 670/88 concerned with reducing the butter mountain. shed cake must, according to Brussels, be at least 51 per cent flour to qualify for

cheaper butter. "If this ruling stays in force, cakes, from sweet croissants to fruit tarts, will have to be 15 per cent more expensive." said Eberhard Gröbel, chairman of the Bakers' Association, which represents 23,000 cake-makers. "We demand that the Finance Minister reverse this new, nonsensical European decree from Brussels."

Similar protests can be heard across the political and economic landscape in Germany, much to the irritation of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, who is trying to steer the country towards acceptance of tighter political union and a single European currency.

On monetary union, twothirds of Germans are pitted against Herr Kohl, but until recently it has been assumed that there was hasic support for the Chancellor's political aims. That assumption no longer holds water.

Germans insist on fat slice of Euro-cake

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Kurt Biedenkopf, the Prime Minister of Saxony, for example, is on a confrontration course with the European Commission over his decision to grant more than £100 nullion of subsidies for Volkswagen, which has been building up its production in the eastern province. The Bonn Government has admitted that Saxon determination to carry on paying susbsidies and thus guarantee 28,000 iobs - amounts to a breach of European law. Dr Bieden-kopf, a former Christian Democratic rival to Herr Kohl. insists that the help for Volkswagen is well within the plan agreed with the European

Union in 1991. Saxony would never have agreed to the ratification of the Maastricht treaty if it had not been for this clause. Dr Biedenkopf said.

unthinkable that Brussels should decide how East Germany should be recon-



A mask of Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, on a shop dummy in Bonn

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structed ... if you want to destroy Europe, then the way to do it is through this kind of

Opinion polls show former East Germans to be the most Euro-sceptical. In part this is because many eastern companies can compete with lowwage neighbours, such as Poland, only if they are generously subsidised, and the European Commission is in-

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The first sign of a deep conflict between the Commission and Bonn came in the case of Bremer Vulkan, the troubled shipbuilder. Subsidies which were supposed to modernise former East German yards were being used instead to prop up the mismanaged western part of the company and preserve jobs.

Since that crisis erupted last ar. Karel van Miert, t Competition Commissioner. has been studying more carefully the destination of German subsidies. There are suspicions that foreign companies have been attracted to Germany by offers of subsidised electricity prices. The overall aim is to keep Germany competitive, even though its labour costs are among the highest in Europe, and above all to meet the Chancellor's goal of creating two million new jobs by 2000.

This target is difficult to square, however, with Herr Kohl's overall European strategy of cutting public spending to meet monetary union entry criteria by 1997.

The result is growing confusion about the direction of European policy. In the south, there are loud political protests against the amount that Germany contributes to the European budget and fears as to how European enlargement will be financed.

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Bonn heads allied resistance to US 'terrorism' sanctions

MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

GERMANY yesterday put itself at the vanguard of European states resisting American pressure to impose sanctions against alleged sponsors of international terrorism such as Iran and Libva.

Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, emphasised that Europe's "critidialogue" with Iran was preferable to the American position because it was dangerous to isolate a country of regional importance. "We Total, the French oil group, which

think it is more correct to remain in talks with Iran ... to work against the things that Iran is accused of," he told German radio.

Herr Kinkel seemed sceptical that there would be a full-blown trade war. The same line was taken by other European governments and companies. French oil industry executives said the sanctions would not apply to them or to their suppliers. Our reading of the text of the American Bill shows that the sanctions will only apply to new business," said

has the biggest contract with Iran of any company in the world. company that invests \$40 million (£26 million) or more a year in oil and Lamberto Dini, the Italian Foreign

Minister, suggested the D'Amato Bill - named after Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato — was prompted by electoral considerations. "This decision is more than anything else symbolic," he said. "We Europeans know this perfectly well but we can't just sit back and say nothing." Britain has been less direct in its

criticism of the United States. The Bill requires President Clinton to impose sanctions against any

gas projects in Iran and Libya.

Both Iran and Libya are hoping to play off Europe against the United States. Both yesterday scornfully dismissed the Bill as "doomed to failure", saying it would only isolate Washington. But oil analysts and diplomats said the two countries would have difficulty attracting vital foreign investment if the sanctions were rigorously enforced.

Iran expects to have a speedy and constructive dialogue with Europe

to promote healthy political and economic ties with all European Union members, said Iran News, a newspaper close to the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

Libya's state-run news agency said the measure crowns the American policy of following its own selfish interest which has damaged and will further damage the American people's interests and those of its allies.

Now, however. Germany will no

doubt come under pressure to show

its conciliatory policies towards Iran

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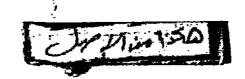
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Netanyahu talks offer rejected by Damascus

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

Rocket attack

kills Israeli

Marjayoun, Lebanon: One Israeli soldier was killed and two

were wounded when

Hezbollah guerrillas

attacked their post in

south Lebanon, pro-

Israeli militia sources

said. The guerrillas

anti-tank rockets at the

Israelis. (Reuter)

mortars and

fired

SYRIA rejected with contempt yesterday an offer by Bin-yamin Netanyahu, the rightwing Israeli Prime Minister, to resume peace talks with Damascus, saying that his proposals lacked substance. The rejection was issued

through the official daily Tishreen, a mouthpiece of the Syrian Government. In an editorial, the news-

paper said that Mr Netanyahu wanted first to talk about Israel's security problem in south Lebanon and not about the future of the strategic Golan Heights, captured from Syria during the 1967 war.

This talk does not mean anything for the making of peace," Tishreen said. "It is mere nice words which are baseless. The issue is not the resumption of the negotiations but the essence of what the negotiations

would deal with. What kind of negotiations [does] Netanyahu want to resume while he still rejects withdrawal from the Golan and couples this rejection with the expansion of settlements and bringing more Jews to settle in the occupied Syrian lands?" The question was a

Israeli Cabinet's decision on Friday to approve an expansion of Jewish settlements in territories seized in 1967, including the Golan, the West Bank and the Gaza

Tishreen said that Damascus was still committed to the peace process, but it urged Mr Netanyahu to withdraw Israeli troops from occupied Arab land. "Israel's position regarding the peace process in the light of what Netanyahu and other Israeli officials are saying proved that they are not erious and that they are evading the requirements of a just and comprehensive peace," it said.

There was no comment on the matter last night from Mr Netanyahu's office.

An official said that the proposal sent to Syria spelt out Israel's terms for withdrawing its troops from south Lebanon. He said that that would be a first step towards peace with Syria which, with 35,000 troops stationed in the country, is the main foreign power broker in Lebanon. After the

Syrian response, the State Department in Washington said that the United States was trying to arrange new peace negotiations between Israel and Syria, but so far had failed to do so. The State Department spoke after President Hrawi of Lebanon held surprise talks in Damascus on Monday with President Assad of Syria. The two leaders agreed to discuss a common strategy in relations with the

President Assad will visit Egypt today for talks with President Mubarak on the future of the Middle East peace process. Muhammad Mousa, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said yesterday that the talks would focus on the Israeli Government's decision to lift a freeze on the expansion settlements. Mr

Mousa said the Egyptian-Syrian talks were of special importance to the Middle East peace process in the light est efforts to bring about a resumption of negotiations between Israel and Syria. Egypt, which in 1979 be-

came the first

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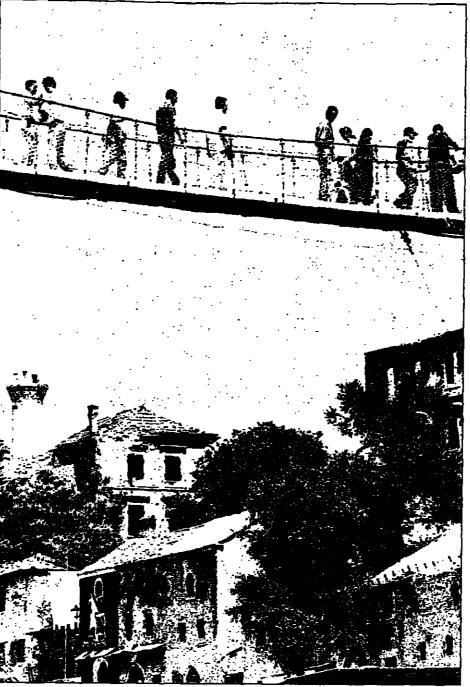
ty with Israel, is hoping to play a greater mediating role between the Jewish state and other Arab leaders.

In the meantime, Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority's President, also attacked Israel vesterday over its decision to allow the expansion of Jewish settlements and for its failure to withdraw troops from parts of the West Bank city of Hebron, "We must prepare a comprehensive plan to confront this conspiracy," Mr Arafat said. "It is a conspiracy against me, means tearing up the agree-

ments between us and them." Israel has withdrawn troops from the centre of all the main Arab cities on the West Bank except Hebron, where about 400 Jews are settled among 100,000 Palestinians

The previous Labour Government in Israel promised to withdraw troops from the centre of Hebron, but never implemented the decision after a series of suicide bombings that killed 59 people in February and March.

Israel



Pedestrians cross the suspension bridge linking Mostar's divided communities

Mostar Muslims and Croats pull back from brink

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

who were caught in a weeklong political stalemate that threatened to undermine a key provision of the Dayton peace accord, reached a compromise on the joint governance of Mostar yesterday, narrowly averting a European Union threat to withdraw from the divided city.

Alter an exhausting allnight negotiating session on Monday that broke up unresolved before reconvening again yesterday, the two sides signed an agreement to recognise the results of Mostar's June 30 elections until the Federal Supreme Court in Bosnia rules whether or not

the poll was fair.

Officials involved in the talks characterised the atmosphere as tense and the talks as vitriolic. "It has been quite difficult and we have had quite few sleepless nights," said Sir Martin Garrod, the British diplomat who is the EU's

special envoy in the city. Throughout the talks the head of the Mostar branch of the ruling hardline Croat HDZ party, Mile Puljic, often referred to his Muslim neighbours as "Chechens" and "Hezbollah". The even-ternpered Sir Martin referred to the thugs that roam Mostar's Croat west side as "scum". The EU, which has spent

£70 million and two years trying to unify the city, threatened to pull out because separ-

MUSLIM and Croat officials. the elections fraudulent and boycotted the city council. Both EU deadlines slipped past unmet but officials, mindful of the devastating precedent a pullout would have set, granted the parties

more time to compromise. The hardline Croats, who have made no secret of their desire to create a separate mini-state, pointed to voting irregularities at refugee polling station in Bonn, Germany, where ballots counted exceeded voters by 26. The EU's ombudsman declared the number too small to alter the election outcome, but agreed to give the Federal Supreme

Court the final say. Western diplomats in Bosnia said the real issue was that the Muslims had won a majority on the city council.

If the EU had quit and the election results were not recognised, a dangerous precedent would have been set for Bosnia's general elections on September 14. All parties would have felt they could overturn results with impunity.

Croatia blamed: Croatia

was blamed yesterday for failing to make the Krajina region safe for Serb refugees to return (Eve-Ann Prentice ites). The area was stormed by Croatian forces crushing a Serb revolt a year ago, leading to an exodus of 200,000 Croatian Serbs who had settled there centuries before.

Misha Glenny, page 14

WORLD SUMMARY

De Niro's restaurant

attacked

New York: Two armed men escaped with about \$2,000 (£1,300) after attacking Nobu. the Japanese-style New York restaurant owned by the actor Robert De Niro, and shooting three members of the staff (Quentin Letts writes).

The attack came in the small hours yesterday when the gunmen forced their way into he restaurant in Manhattan's TriBeCa, a gentrified former warehouse area. Entering through a back door, they handcuffed a waitress, pistolwhipped a dishwasher and held a gun to the head of a sushi chef before opening fire with handguns. "Bullets were flying all over the place." a

Preview offer over IRA film

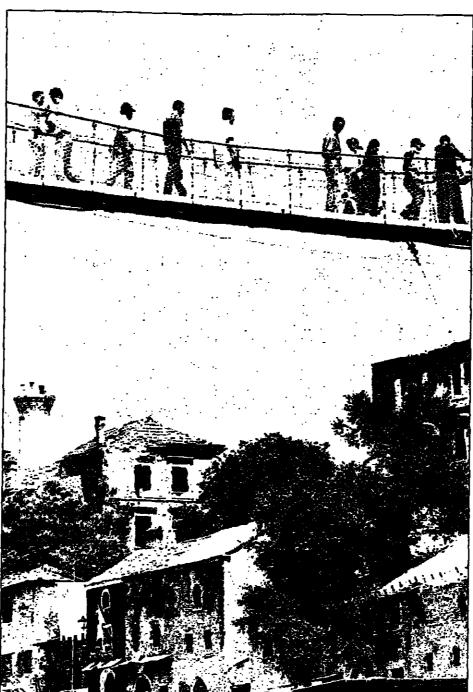
Los Angeles: The director of a film about an IRA co-founder has offered a preview to poli-ticians in Britain and Ireland to try to persuade them it will not worsen tensions after the Northern ireland ceasefire's collapse (Giles Whittell writes). Michael Collins, directed by Neil Jordan, stars Liam Neeson, Alan Rickman and Julia Roberts. To be released in America on October 11. it has, as yet, no British

Children saved from leaky boat

Vladivostok: Two young children spent the night in a leaky rubber boat on the Sea of Japan, mopping up water with a T-shirt and wringing it out overboard, until searchers found them. Yulia Shestakova, seven, and Misha Terekhin, five, had been playing in the boat near the shore when it drifted out to sea, unnoticed by Misha's grandfather, who was drunk. AP)

Jail for slap

Delhi: K. P. S. Gill, a former police chief involved in suppressing Sikh separatists in the Punjab was sentenced to five months' imprisonment for slapping a woman civil servant on the buttocks. (Reuter)



Gang declares war on Cape Town vigilantes FROM INIGO GILMORE

IN JOHANNESBURG

THE mob murder of a drugs gangster on a Cape Town street has shocked South Africans and highlighted the country's alarming slide towards vigilante justice.

President Mandela condemned the murder by Muslim militants on Sunday night of Rashaad Staggie, and Sydney Mufamadi, the Safety and Security Minister, has demanded an explanation from police who watched but did not intervene in the murder. Photographs showed members of a

Muslim vigilante group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), surrounding Staggie's vehicle, pulling him out and setting him alight. Staggie, his body riddled with bul-lets, died in full view of journalists and

The Muslim group has declared a jihad (holy War) against drugs dealers in the Cape peninsula, raising lears of tit-for-tat violence.

Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker,

one of 18 wounded in the shootings on Sunday night, has said that, if any Cape Town mosques are burnt down by gangs, retaliatory suicide bombs can be expected. "If they are not going to listen I will pack myself full of explosives and pay somebody a visit," he said from a secret hideout.

Dullah Omar, the Justice Minister. has been urged to hold talks with the Muslim group to defuse the tension.

children missed afternoon religious studies. "Many Muslim parents fear reprisals by the drug barons," said Ebrahim Moosa, director of the Centre for Contemporary Islam.

Rashid Staggie, twin brother of the murdered gang boss and co-leader of the gang, vowed yesterday that vengeance will be wreaked on Pagad. "It looks like war, but we didn't proclaim it, Pagad did," he said. Pagad, an alliance of various com-

munity organisations and neighbourhood watches, is relatively new, but reflects what is happening elsewhere in South Africa. Increasingly, black South Africans, frustrated by the failure of police to arrest and put Schools in Cape Town's Muslim criminals behind bars, have been do?"

Operating on a voluntary basis, or for money, some groups are loosely connected and come together only in crises while others are highly In central Johannesburg, a group

calling itself the Angry 13 has vowed to clean up the streets. In Durban, the Cleaners track down known criminals and maim them. In Soweto, Youth Action Against

Crime operates from above an office. The burly youths, who include former ANC guerrillas, straighten out criminals at "workshops" where they beat their captives.

One of the leaders said: "The police are discredited, so what else can we

Kenya cuts links to Burundi

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAJROBI

KENYA yesterday tightened the sanctions noose on Burundi's military Government by closing all communications with the central African country and refusing landing rights to aid flights.

Bujumbura, Burundi's capital, has been hit hard by sanctions imposed by the Organisation of African Unity a week ago. Fuel prices have soared and the price of salt has doubled.

Kenyan officials said yesterday that they were working out ways of restricting the movement of people in and out of the troubled country, where at least 150,000 people have died in ethnic violence since 1993.

Sanctions have been easy to impose on Burundi, all of whose imports and exports have to travel through Kenya or Tanzania. The latter had already closed its borders and cut off air links. Nairobi's move came as

Amnesty International accused the Tutsi army in Burundi of killing 200 people since the July 26 coup.

Megawati to obey summons

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S ousted opposition leader was closeted with political allies at her home south of Jakarta yesterday, contemplating what looks increasingly like a bleak future. She received another summons to an interrogation at nolice headquarters as the Government's drive to sideline her intensified.

Later an aide said Megawati Sukarnoputri would obey the summons to appear on Friday in connection with the recent anti-government riot-

Miss Megawati, who has not appeared publicly for nearly two weeks, seems to have been overwhelmed by the uncompromising govern-ment retaliation to her challenge, one of the most serious in President Suharto's

30 years of rule. Since the Jakarta riots she has stayed at home, and the capital is back to normal. Her allies say her approach is part of a long-term strategy: it is more probably a sign of submission to the enormous pressures being applied to her.

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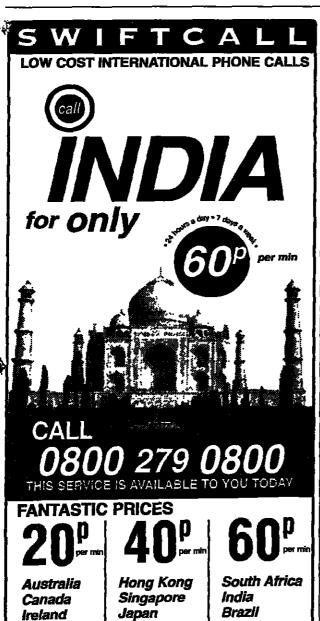


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Zip into the locker-room look

over yet. With perfect timing the American designer and astute businessman Ralph Lauren is promoting his latest range of beauty products, Polo Sport Woman. Advertisements for his body products and fragrance speak of fitness as the ultimate beauty tool", and champion a "healthy-looking glow".

Fashion has a habit of seizing the moment and right now you can't move for someone trying to hop. step or jump into the record books. Inevitably then, along with the clever marketing of Lauren and his

renewed interest in sporty-looking clean-cut clothes which are clear winners in the style stakes.

However, whereas previously the aim of pulling on a pair of Lycra leggings or slipping on a towelling sweatband (think Jamie Lee Curtis in Perfect) was to give the impression that you were either just coming from or jogging to the gym, the latest raid on the locker room appears a lot less obvious. The mood is relaxed without being overtly athletic, more slow-down than go-faster. Just do it, but take

This time it's all in the styling. No one should wear sports dothing top to toe unless they are competing in a different arena. Instead choose pieces to suit - best of all are hooded jackets in fleecy sweatshirting or slithery nylon, sometimes quilted, always zipped. times quilled, always Zipped.
Hooded sweat-tops and clingy
Lycra T-shirts provide easy options
in classic navy. black, red, yellow
and white. Straight-to-the-point
logos like Gap's SPORT line or
Nike's state-of-the-art tick design
are favourite. Underneath try a
sports bra for added comfort and a
spooth line — Champion has a smooth line — Champion has a Jogbra. Berlei offers the ShockAbsorber, while Triumph fit-ted the British Olympic team with

tits sports bras.

The biggest difference is what to wear with these sporty separates.

Wear a cotton-mesh numbered baseball vest by DKNY, but team it with a long stretch velvet or washed silk skirt instead of a pair of sports shorts to emphasise the new season's prevailing trend for long and



Fashion iournalist of the year IAIN R.WEBB

teaming the sportiest of separates with a distinctively laid-back style

lean. Or pull on a pair of wide-legged pants in stretch towelling. Then there are the shoes. Instead of colourful Adidas Galaxy or Nike Air Total Max trainers the fashionand heel guard comes in everything from leather to shiny moc-croc or matt suede. They also vary considerably in price. J.P. Todds and Cole-Haan are top of the range, the Williams and Benetton of driving

To take the look from top to toe a scraped-back hairdo, or what the Americans are calling the "up-do", is a must. It's an easy style to perfect because its success depends on it looking do-it-yourself. International hairstylist Orlando Pita recently told American Vogue: "It looks best if you carelessly pin it up yourself." Reminiscent of the girl gymnasts from Russia and Romania, the hair is pulled back from the face and either pinned, knotted or braided at the back of the head. You can use minimal products to achieve the look — Kiehl's Hair Conditioning and Grooming Aid or Air Total Max trainers the fashion-able set are loafing around in another American import: driving of John Frieda Hair Wax and

shoes. The slip-on moccasin with its trademark rubber-studded sole when no products are at hand, one fashion editor created the same style at a swanky designer dinner in New York with a little sugar water and a lot of attitude.

Remember this is not a chic French pleat - the finished result should look anything but. At the shows of Dolce & Gabbana, Istante and Karl Lagerfeld, the ends were tweaked into sprouting tufts, while Jil Sander and Prada favoured twisted buns sometimes held in place with a slim barrette. The ultimate logo accessory of the season has to be the gold

barrette used at the Chanel show. Instead of a tan, go for a healthy glow. A natural-looking blush can be achieved with a tube of Origins Pinch Your Cheeks. The latest laid-back look, which

several of the front row have already been sporting, is straightforward white denim jeans. Work the look into autumn by buying them extra long so that they will practically cover a high-heeled shoe, then tuck in a slinky jersey shirt unbuttoned to the waist just like Lauren Hutton and Karen like Lauren Hutton and Karen Black in the Seventies, and think Gloria Vanderbilt. Glorious.



ABOVE: Yellow nylon fitted quilted jacket, £73, Sisley (0171-929 9259). Cream towelling stretch trousers, £29; towelling beanie hat, £9 from a selection, Muji, 26 Great Marlborough Street, W1; 39-41 Shelton Street, WC2,

LEFT: Navy stretch cotton hooded top, \$28, Gap, branches nationwide (0171-518 6300). Navy bias cut skirt, £100, Fenn Wright & Manson, Fenwicks, New Bond Street, W1; Jane & Dada, 20-21 St Christophers Place, W1; Kendals, Deansgate, Manchester

FAR LEFT: White mylon zip front hooded jacket, £155; navy stretch sleeveless R.L. logo top, Polo Sport by Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-491 4967). Black velvet skirt, £150, Fenn Wright & Manson, as before. White leather loafers, £179, J.P. Todds, Harrods, SW1

FAR LEFT, BELOW: Black zip front hooded top, £41, Sisley, as before. White stretch sleeveless R.L. logo top, £75, Polo Sport by Raiph Lauren, as before

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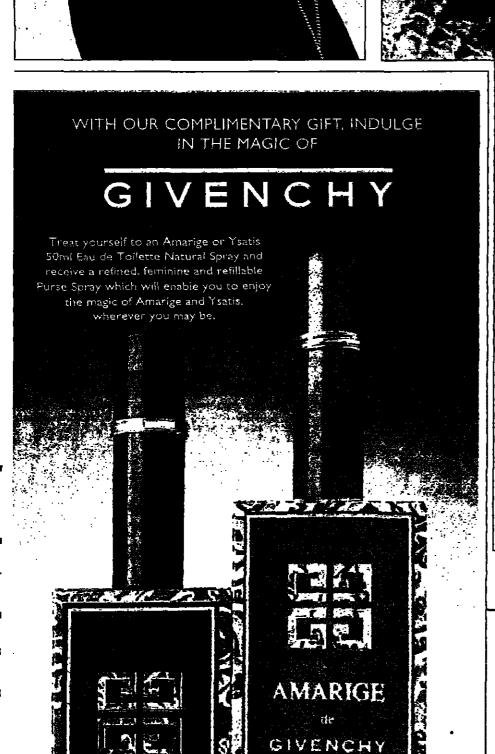
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Why we must keep Antarctica a true wilderness

from all over the world are meeting in Cambridge this week as Britain hosts an international conference on Antarctica. The future of one of the world's last great wildernesses is being debated.

The vast and wondrous continent of Antarctica with its shadowed mountains stretching plains of ice con-

stitutes one tenth of the land mass of the planet. The continent drifted into polar isolation long before warm-blooded creatures first emerged, and there are no mammals living on its frozen wastes. Its largest true land animal is probably a millimetre-long spider-like mite. There are no trees there, just virescent wefts of algae floating in temporary summer streams and lichens clinging to wind-blasted rock. The desolate landscapes of dry valleys are broken only by the weird shapes of ventifacts, stones sculpted by millions of years of winds.

Time flows without punctuation. Days slide into lucent nights, mornings arrive without a sunrise. Polar cold dissolves the distinction between land and sea. Colour, scale and perspective dissolve in the vast ice cap which becomes in its very desolation a metaphor for wildness itself.

During the rationalist era of the 18th century, wildernesses were en as threatening and fearful



Rachel Campbell-Johnston

on the land un-healed by the order and sym-metry of civilisation. In A Journey Islands, Samuel Johnson described his travels into "the bosom of the highlands' north of Fort Augustus. "An eye accustomed to flowery pastures and waving har-

pelled by this

wide extent of

hopeless sterility," he wrote. To the rationalist view, the chaos of nature represented a dangerous

and corrupting force.
But by the end of the century a new Romantic vision had seeped into the English consciousness. Unshackling the spontaneity of the overflowing heart, the Romantics invested the wilderness with a power that responded to and reflected man's deepest spiritual and emotional needs for something greater than himself.

It was to the awesome vastness of the icy wastes that many of the Romantics turned for inspiration. Coleridge explored the bleakness of a "land of mist and snow" in The Ancient Mariner. Shelley salutes the constant, yet coldly indifferent power of Mont Blanc. It is this vision that has shaped our 20th century imagination.

Throughout the 20th century we have thrilled to tales of Antarctic expeditions, of British explorers such as Scott and Shackleton. Perhaps it is the fact that Scott



Development has already reached Antarctica's icy wastes and once an environment has been destroyed and interfered with, it is often impossible to restore

failed to return that created the indestructable splendour of myth. Fifteen years ago I was working in the Falkland Islands and along with the other shepherds I would return home from the pastures along the South Atlantic coast. The reason I love living here one of the men once told me, "is that I can look out over the ocean and know that there is nothing between me and Antarctica." But later that year he was offered a job on an icebreaker, travelling to the bases of the. British Antarctic Survey. He

n an increasingly industrialised world, the desolate savagery of the wilderness became a symbol of the chaos that man yearned for to frame his order and give it context and meaning. What would the world be once bereft ! Of wet and of wildness ... Oh let them be left,

didn't take it. "I think it is best in.

the imagination," he said.

cried the Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins. The fervour of his plea echoes modern society's call for a place in which it can directly confront the greatness of some transcendent power.

The wilderness traditionally has been portrayed as a place of soulsearching. In the Old Testament the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. Christ fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and 40

In the primal landscape of Antarctica, humanity is confronted with the absolutes that philosophy has always striven to encompass. "One feels a disindination to perform even the small necessaries of life," wrote Shackleton. "One only feels in a fit state to lie in one's bag and idly ponder." The sheer barren desolation presents a radical negation by which, paradoxically, human real ity is somehow revealed.

The world's wild places are no longer as Johnson described

them, "incapable of usefulness". Yet we have become too careless of them. From Patagonia to northern Alaska, from tropical Australia to Lake Baikal, the world bears the harsh imprint of human exploitation of natural resources. The base camp of Everest is strewn with tropics, it is a critical part of an rubbish. Even in our own country, cagouled hordes trample and deintegrated global climate. Man stroy those moody tracts of land cannot afford to meddle with it north of upper Teesdale, which are one of the last designated wilder-

often impossible to restore it. Already development has reached Antarctica. Around the research bases landforms are altered by bulldozing and blasting, water courses are diverted and movement of people obliterates the vegetation. Toxic wastes form pools amid the derelict machinery of abandoned habitations.

nesses in Europe. And, as bitter

experience has taught us, once an

environment has been destroyed

and interfered with, it is difficult,

Antarctica is unique in that it is

problems. But perhaps even more the only continent on our planet that has never harboured and nourished a civilisation. Unlike the rainforests, we have no There has long been a campaign calling for the designation of precedent to tell us how to live in harmony with its ecosystem. Yet Antarctica as a world park. We as a continent whose coldness acts in counterpoint to the equatorial

ommercially orientated mineral activities would require the construction of workshops, accommodation and storage buildings, wharves for ships and hardrock runways for aircraft. They would have a deep impact which would deny us for ever the opportunity for research on an undisturbed

The despoliation of Antarctica would signal the bankruptcy of our technological society in find-

importantly it would be the shattering of one of our last emotional and imaginative icons.

must take responsibility for this continent at a time when it has become most vulnerable to change from without. The Antarctic Treaty, first signed in 1959, declared the continent a demilitarised zone which should be preserved for scientific research. It has been highly successful and should continue to be extended indefinitely. Commercial mining for minerals and oils should be banned. Antartica has the richest summer seas in the world. Fisheries should be closely monitored. Careful controls should also be made on thegrowth of tourism to the continent. In our modern age, the protection of Antarctica is perhaps the best answer we can make to the

On the day the mails stopped, the perils of do-it-yourself deliveries

THIS is a story of fear, loathing and privatisation. It goes to show that whatever God intended, he never envisaged a multi-option postal delivery service. At least not in Ediabatean

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letters — an unpaid parking fine just within its time limit, a thank-you letter six weeks late and written in a flush of guilt, an article whose dead-line was beginning to show signs of stress - demanded immediate action. I jumped into the car and headed off

towards postal areas whose codes indicated proximity. That was an error. To assume that EH8 is right next to EH9 is entirely to misunderstand the system.
My second mis-

take was to forget that Edinburgh has declared war on the motorist On Monday a new traffic plan was introduced, designed to drive cars off the road. It is called Moving Forward. Seeing Red might

be more appropri-ate. The idea is to encourage traffic, for no very obvious reason, to go westwards down Princes Street, Edinburgh's main thorough-fare, but not eastwards.

IT BLOCKS off the streets you want to turn into, and diverts you into places you never knew existed. It is designed with cyclists in mind in a city which, with its vertiginous hills, almost certainly qualifies as the noncycling centre of Europe. It makes its intentions clear in a leaflet which mentions buses, taxis, bicycles and pedestri-ans, but, ominously, cannot bring itself to refer to cars. It

calls them "other vehicles". For the one-man postal delivery service, this was bad news. Preparing to turn left into Princes Street I noticed that the road surface in South St Andrew Street had turned green. I felt uneasy about this, but persevered, only to find a traffic warden barring my way. He pointed out that only buses, taxis and cycles were now permitted. A testy dialogue ensued, in which 1 experienced the first symp-

toms of road rage, and he explained how I was meant to cross the North Bridge by

I reversed, joined an unwelcoming traffic stream which took me inexorably towards the one place I knew I must avoid — the Royal Mile, a sort of vehicular purgatory where cars await until their sins are redeemed and the traffic lights show only red or amber.

SOME hours later I found myself gingerly crossing the North Bridge, but this time heading north. By now chas-tened, I hesitated about turning back into Princes Street. flinching instinctively as a policeman gestured at me. But no, he was smiling, waving me on down a virtually traffic-free road. I was

going west, and I had therefore . Bunyan-like test. I was no longer Lord Hategood, I was Mr Valiant-for-Truth, heading for the Celestial City. Unfortunately, was travelling in

completely the wrong direction. **MAGNUS** LINKLATER My home, my wife,

> were all away to my right, in the land that lies beyond George Street. Once I could have driven there. But that was yesterday. Today, beaming traffic wardens were waving me on towards the Lothian Road and Shandwick Place, and who knows what beyond. Glasgow perhaps. I watched as once familar streets flashed past, now grimly barred, their barriers open only to mythical cyclists. Suddenly, when all seemed

lost, a street opened up to the right. Guiltily I turned into it, and found myself, miracu-lously, heading back where I wanted to go. Here was the appropriately named Hope Street. Now, just one more turn, and - but no, despairingly, the top of Dublin Street was barred. I must travel on.

Ahead, a sign indicated Berwick-on-Tweed. I pulled up and began to sob silently, tears dripping onto my little pile of letters. Looking up, I spotted a familiar red object. I stumbled out, and thrust the letters into the pillar-box. Then I headed for the Al and



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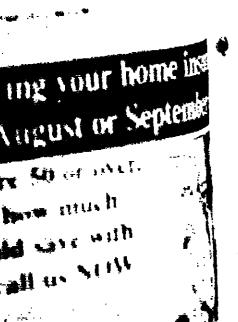
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Alan Coren



Our performance in the Mediterranean may explain our performance in Atlanta

have been thinking about all this, and I am ready to conclude that Britain's pitiable inability to get even halfway up the minor foothills of Olympus might have not a little to do with the decline of the whells.

Where I am ready to conclude this is on the same French beach on which you and I convened a fortnight ago in the Curious Case of the Twelve French Toes — and may I take this opportunity to thank all who wrote in to tell me that the French for toe is "doigt de pied", as I ought to have guessed, given the poverty of their vocabulary; though "footfingers" is pretty gross even for them, summoning up as it does the memory of those Brooke Bond chimpanzees stirring their tea with their feet — for I have returned to complete my holiday, and what I have returned to is a triumphalist France celebrating its fifth place in a medals table in which Britain ended up a dozen places below Kazakhstan.

I have thus been giving the matter much seaside reflection, in the hope of arriving at an explanation. I even looked, now that I know the word, for my polypedal friend, to ask him whether 12-toed Frenchmen were common and, if so, whether this would explain their athletics success, 20 per cent extra grip is not to be sneezed at, but he was no longer around; so I was left to lie here alone for the past couple of days, turning over in my mind all those fraught speculations about our failure too familiar to require further rehearsal, without, until this morning, spotting that I was staring one very plausible answer in, quite literally, the face. The face was lying a yard or so from mine,

fat, red, shiny, its eyes shut in sleep, its lips rippling, its nostrils fluting, as the belly below it rose up and down — but even when down, hid the beach beyond. What was on the beach beyond were three of the face's friends, similarly zonked: four Englishmen, each in his early twenties, who, had each not also been three stone overweight, might have been (I come right down to it) a relay team. But these faces weren't about to run anywhere I had seen these faces before, when I arrived at the beach, and they had been sitting in the beach cale, stuffing themselves with Full English Breakfasts, as advertised on the blackboard outside, and washing them down, moreover, with litres of lager to fuel them for the energetic ten-metre hobble to that spot on the sand where they could fall down, pass out, and turn scarlet.

The French, on the other hand, were running everywhere. The French first jog the five kilometres to the beach from wherever they have been doing their dawn aerobics, they next do their hundred press-ups, and after that they sprint down the sand and butterfly halfway to Africa before backstroking back to play two hours of volleyball. They do not do this on a Full English Breakfast, they do not even do it on a Full French Breakfast, they do it on a glass of carrot juice; and when it is noon they do not eat a Full French Lunch any more, they eat celery as they watch fat baked Englishmen wake up and struggle back into the beach café for the two kilos of cholesterol and the two bottles of fermented calories necessary to ensure an afternoon's uninterrupted kip.

nd it suddenly dawned upon me A today, as I stared in the blistering face beside me, that I had stared in it all over the Mediterranean, in Spain, in Italy, in Greece, in Portugal, in Turkey, in Morocco, in Tunisia, on all the myriad islands in between, and what it was was the face of an England which, after umpteen chilly centuries, had discovered the sun, and having discovered it, wanted only to eat and drink everything under it, and then crawl out on all fours and broil in it.

It was not ever thus. Until 1957, everybody went to Clacton and Blackpool, where they had to run about in the sleet just to stave off frostbite, sustaining themselves on whelks and winkles, the healthiest food there is, and sluicing them down with nourishing milk stout. Tripe-white we may have been, but we were wiry, then, with not a man-jack among us who couldn't run the mile of Southend Pier in four minutes, and that in overcoats and wellies. But in 1957, the first package tour flew off to Torremolinos, where it was too hot even for beach cricket.

Which may, indeed, also tell us something about our middle-order batting. Let me just lie here in the sun for a bit and think

Evan Davis says the financial muscle of the State leads to exploitative, demoralised provision

his week has seen a sudden and seductive reassertion of the merits Public sector services, of state spending and government intervention. Just when you thought the world had fallen for the idea that private companies are the best vehicle for delivering anything, the public sector high street standards has fought back.

It's not just Juan Antonio Samaranch and his apparent disenchantment with the private sector's organisation of the Atlanta Olympics and his reported desire for municipal or government involvement in future events. A recent article in the National Institute of Economic and Social Research's quarterly review has challenged the conventional wisdom, and stirred up a fresh debate on that old topic -- which is better, public or private? The backlash far, but were unable to say why. against private services has been most articulately expressed in the columns of

this newspaper, by Anatole Kaletsky. The argument now being offered is that unlike private companies, government has unique purchasing muscle, which it can use to limit spending on services, so costs do not escalate; to buy things cheaply, and also to borrow money at low interest rates, without, for example, paying generous profits to shareholders. To quote Kaletsky, these factors are likely to outweigh by far the possible efficiencies that might be achieved by introducing better systems of management accounting, tighter financial control and more competition". In fact, he says, "commercialising public services will drive up the costs".

Now I am not sure whether Messrs Samaranch and Kaletsky themselves use government services — or if they do. whether they use that superior variety available only in richer suburban areas. However, their defence of the public sector may seem reassuring to the many people who have long suspected that the private sector revolution has gone too

Before traditional Labour supporters pin enlarged copies of Kaletsky's article onto their bedroom walls, however, they should examine his arguments more closely.

This new defence of the traditional model of public delivery - with services paid for by taxation and delivered by non-profit-making and non-competing public-sector organisations — is not based on any conception of social justice. Far from it. It is based on the fact that government can exploit nurses by paying them too little — to the advan-tage of the taxpayer — and can squeeze spending on schools and hospitals year after year, resisting upward pressure on costs.

If the argument were right, the fact

supporters of the public sector would not really matter. But unfortunately, it isn't. Big government can make economies. essentially by ripping off public suppli-ers, but it pays an inevitable price in doing so. It ends up with a state structure characterised by poorly moti-vated staff; organisations that have no inbuilt incentives to reward entrepreneurial or innovative behaviour, and which lack the pressures of takeover, bankruptcy, management change or

even competition for custom. As a result, public services are inflexible and slow to adapt. Examples abound; my current favourite is the Overseas Development Administration. which, incredibly, gives foreign assis-tance to Hong Kong and Singapore, even though both countries are now generally reckoned to be richer than we are ourselves. Indeed, credible academic evidence provides a case that the aid budget has almost no discernible effect on helping the vulnerable in poor

Public services are also unresponsive to consumer demand. It has always seemed perverse that Camden council, that it was offensive to traditional for example, should choose to shut three-

on Bank Holidays. (I gather this policy is now being reviewed by the private leisure company that has taken over the contract for running the facilities.)

No one really benefits from the

stagnant nature of the State, but the most important point to remember is that those who suffer most from the mediocre quality of public services are the poor whom the services are primarily designed to help. They, after all, cannot shop for services elsewhere, nor do they get the choicest cuts available.

So the last thing that supporters of traditional state services need now is to be encouraged into complacency. If anything, the reverse. We need a Labour Party which is keen above all to make public services as good as Marks & Spencer's service. Forget the sophisticated reasoning which says that M&S has to borrow a bit more expensively, and cannot exploit its suppliers as effectively as a sovereign government; if our schools were as good as our shops. we would be a more successful nation.

And for any party wanting to position itself as a public-sector reform party, it is

the commercial mechanisms that produce a Marks & Spencer which need to be studied. The difference between the private sector and the public sector is not that one has 10 per cent more efficient management, or that the other has muscle to pay suppliers less. Or even that private businessmen are magically better (or worse) at organising international sporting events than municipal appointees.

No, the difference is in the far more significant and far longer-term ways that the commercial forces manifest themselves. It is that bad suppliers go to the wall, and good ones flourish - that when the time is right, M&S can grow and Woolworths shrink. New ideas are rewarded and experimentation encouraged. All in all, it's just the opposite of the forces that one observes operating over time in the public sector.

Of course, to operate commercial forces one has to pay commercial rates for entrepreneurship, for motivated staff, for risk-taking investors. But like St Michael's chicken Kiev, it will turn out to be well worth the price.

So beware of the new arguments on offer. The challenge is to redesign the public sector, introducing pressures of a commercial kind for good performance, while preserving the desired elements of social justice. It is not an easy task. But in the great debate on how to run health, education, or the Olympic Games, this is not time to look backwards.

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Tudjman the terrible

Misha Glenny says the Croatian leader

has flourished by military might and

is toying with the world community

uropean diplomats can wipe the sweat off their brows, after finally securing an agreement between the Bosnian Croats and Muslims in Mostar yesterday. On Monday, the EU was facing ignomini-ous defeat in the capital of western Herzegovina. Tired officials at the US State Department were also working overtime to ensure that the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman, fulfilled the assurances he offered President Clinton that the recalcitrant Bosnian Croats would be brought to heel.

And what was President Tudjman up to on Monday? Doing what the former Yugoslav Army general likes best: celebrating the regional might of the Croatian Army on the first anniversary of the crushing defeat it inflicted on rebel Serbs in the Krajina. The significance of this demonstration of Croatian military prowess will not have been lost on the Bosnian Muslims in eastern Mostar and Sarajevo.

Whatever finally emerges from the agreement reached yesterday will be of secondary importance to the Croatian Army's dominance in the western half of the former Yugoslavia. When the Serbs threatened to establish control over large parts of Croatia and Bosnia by military means, the United States encouraged the build-up of Croatia's Army to act as a counterweight against the Serbs. Now that the Croats threaten to undermine the fragile peace negotiations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Americans and the EU are at a loss to know how to curb Croatian power.

The Bosnian Croats have everyone over a barrel in Mostar. They will doubtless find many ways to hinder the creation of a unified city, and in the end the two years of expensive and exhausting EU administration of Mostar is likely to come tumbling down. This would represent a major blow to Europe's foreign policy prestige, which has already sustained several large bruises in the former Yugoslavia.

For a change, however, the United States is not sniggering with Schadenfreude at this latest European débacle in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mostar is the foundation of a complex if illusory basement structure, known as the Bosnian Federation, designed by the American Vice-President. Al Gore, and the German Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel. Upon this the flamboyant Richard Holbrooke built his elaborate baroque façade at Dayton, which has in turn lent a certain foreign policy majesty to Presi-dent Clinton's presidential campaign. In Brussels and Washington, it

has now become an article of faith that if Mostar cracks and separates irreversibly, then the Dayton agreement will end up rather like eastern Mostar, a heap of rubble. Such a shambles would look very bad on President Clinton's CV as he approaches the battle for re-election to the White House. Clinton took a big risk when he sent American troops to Bosnia, not because they were in danger of being killed but because instead of putting the Bosnian Humpty-Dumpty back together again, the Nato operation would merely facilitate a partition of the country, which is what the architects of the Dayton agreement claimed they wanted to prevent.

For the agreement contains two fatal contradictions. Notwithstanding all the flowery rhetoric of human rights, civil liberties and unitary institutions, it permits the permanent presence of three armies in this small state, each associated with a different national group. When Nato finally leaves Bosnia, these three forces will be the ultimate source of authority in the country, and they are bound to reinforce the country's division. Elections, be they in Mostar or countrywide, will not alter this grim

Secondly, there is the Bosnian Federation itself, established by the Americans and Germans as a tactical alliance be-tween Muslims and Croats in March 1994. As everybody acknowledges, the Federation exists only on paper. Not one of the many institutions designed to shore it up functions in any meaningful sense. It is very difficult to understand how the idealistic constitutional provisions of Dayton can work if its presumed core, the Federation, is a fiction.

Despite the clouds over Mostar. senior State Department officials remain doggedly optimistic that President Tudjman is committed to reining in the Bosnian Croats, who are regarded by most diplomats as a bunch of gangsters. Yet in the past few weeks the Croatian President has repeatedly hit out against the pressure being brought to bear by the Europeans on Croatia because of its Bosnia policy, saying that Croatia will never betray the interests of the Bosnian Croats. He has been more circumspect when it comes to the Americans, despite growing criticism in Washington of his autocratic rule in Croatia itself.

In his domestic policy, there is little to differentiate Tudjman's style from his Serbian counterpart, Slobodan Milosevic. He closes down newspapers or television programmes which offend him. He shields indicted war criminals.



He manipulates the electoral process -as the long-running dispute between his party and the opposition over control of Zagreb's muncipal council has demonstrated. His privatisation policy has succeeded in concentrating vast economic power in the hands of a small oligarchy, while the political and commercial influence of his children evokes the ugly ghosts of region-al ruling dynasties from the recent

communist past. At the beginning of the Yugoslav crisis. President Tudjman was regarded as a slightly bizarre caricature, given to hysterical outbursts and enamoured of a curious Habsburgian and Titoist mixture of heraldic pomp. Few observers considered him a match for the Machiavellian skills of the apparently more

WHITE SOL bloodthirsty Milosevic, But behind this comic veil is hidden the brain of an extremely astute political fox, who has not only outmanoeuvred Milosevic and the Bosnian Muslim leadership, but has led the international community a

merry dance. This has been Tudjman's real trump. From early on in the conflict, he understood that for Croatia to gain independence from Yugoslavia and to impose its solution on Bosnia-Herzegovina, the country required powerful international backers. First Germany and then the United States were prepared to offer their support. During 1993 and early 1994. Germany shielded Croatia from the threat of sanctions when regular Croatian troops were involved in the war against the Mus-

lims. Towards the end of 1993, Croatia's Defence Minister, Gojko Susak, the Ottawa pizza-parlour owner who hails from Herzegovina, developed a close personal relationship with the American Secretary of Defence, William Perry. Increasingly, the Clinton Administration felt that the only way to defeat the Bosnian Serbs was to offer practical support to the Croats. Whether the Americans realised it or not, this implied betraying the Bosnian Muslims - and the Mostar crisis is the most bitter fruit of this policy.

n private conversation with American policymakers. President Tudiman claims that he has difficulty controlling the granite-headed mafiosi in Mostar and western Herzegovina, rather as President Milosevic maintains that he no longer wields much influence over Radovan Karadzic. This may be true. But in contrast to the Serbian set-up, the influence of the Herzegovina lobby, as it is known, has its tentacles deep into the body politic of Croatia proper. Its greatest symbol and defender is Gojko Susak, the Mr Hyde of Tudjman's party. Dr Jekyll is represented by Mate Granic, the Foreign Minister, whose efforts to patch up Croatia's tatty image abroad is regularly undermined by the Herzegovina hardliners.

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But while Tudjman makes theatrical his party, his policy for Bosnia continues apace. This would see the country divided and the Bosnian Muslims absolutely dependent on Croatia, with the status of economic vassals.

And there is little that the international community can do about all this, If it were to punish Croatia with sanctions (frankly a distant possibility), then Tudjman could allow the Dayton agreement to dissolve into renewed war. If it does nothing, the partition will proceed apace, exacerbated by the increasingly farcical prospect of Bosnia-wide elections. Serbia and Croatia want the same thing in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and now that there is no significant Serbian minority in Croatia, nothing can stop

their co-operation. There is one difference between the two. For its crimes, Serbia has suffered several years of economic sanctions and still enjoys a general status of international pariah. Croatia's reputation, by contrast, has not been so tarnished, despite the striking similarities between Tudjman and Milosevic. Hats off to President Tudjman. He has waged war against democracy, a minority and a neighbouring state, and still gets invited to the opening ceremony of the Holocaust Museum in Washington. Who says you can't have your cake and

A new edition of Misha Glenny's book The Fall of Yugoslavia will appear in September. Simon Jenkins is on holiday.

Dublin or quits

DUBLIN'S leading political refu-gee has broken cover. Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the disgraced former President of Mexico, has been living in the city for the past five months, but has only just begun to appear openly walking

the streets.

President of Mexico until November 1994. Salinas has become something of a political Elvis since disappearing from public view in March last year. He was held largely responsible for Mexico's economy going from bad to downright disastrous, which resulted in America bailing it out to the tune of billions of dollars.

There were reported sightings of him as far afield as Cuba, Canada and Costa Rica, and reporters have

spent months trying to find him. He said he would remain in Ireland until he feels it "convenient" to return to his home country, where for many he has

become a symbol of corruption. In an interview with The Irish Times yesterday. Salinas said he was a keen follower of Northern Irish politics.

He now intends to stay in Dublin. He said time was needed to get a "proper perspective" on his failed economic policies.

 Being Secretary of State for Transport should have its perks. but for Sir George Young not even his daughter's wedding could make the trains work. Guests



invited to Young's house in Cookham, Berkshire, received a note explaining that usually a train went from Maidenhead to Paddington, but because of engineering problems, it was not work-ing. A bus was running instead.

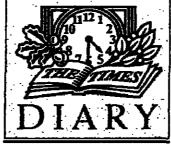
Sound bites

SANDWICH connoisseurs in Manhanan are in pickle-dropping mood after a visit by Bob Dole to the Stage Deli, one of New York's egendary lunchspots.

The whole point of American sandwiches is that you need both hands to eat them - and still the stuffing spills out. Yet there was Dole, who has the use of only one hand, photographed gnawing his way through the Stage Deli's pastrami on rye special.

Restaurant News America, a leading trade paper, asked the terrible question: is the Stage Deli gettin' stingy with its helpings? The Stage's manager says he made Dole a child's portion "so as not to embarrass the guy".

 Our search for sports at which Britain might succeed at the next Olympics brings some acid responses. Mr K. Samant of Hampstead,

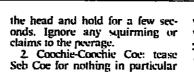


north London, offers "whingeing gold — and finding fault with others. Tiens.

Sproat sprint

TO HEAR Jain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, wheezing out his plans for Britain's sporting rebirth on the radio yesterday, it seemed time to recommend a workout. At the moment, he likes to watch rugby and cricket and to go for walks. What he needs are good bloodpumping activities compatible with a political life.

The Diary suggests: I. The Colin Moynihan clean and jerk: grasp the diminutive former Minister for Sport by the neck and ankles and thrust him clean above



then sprint to avoid the tantrum. Guaranteed to work up a sweat. 3. The Chicken Run: perhaps not such a good a idea for Sproat. In 1983, he abandoned his seat in Aberdeen South, which he had held for 13 years, in favour of what he hoped would be the safer Roxburgh and Berwickshire. He duly lost and



"It's good to have a varied dief

was out of Parliament until 1992. when he won Harwich.

Bumpy ride

YESTERDAY saw a chesty blonde stroll into Christopher's restaurant in Covent Garden wearing a Tshirt emblazoned with the slogan: "Redwood 96". A government min-ister at a nearby table pondered whether, like the Rolling Stones, Redwood had produced a tour Tshirt for his recent trip to America.

Sadly no. The T-shirt belonged to a jumpy theatrical agent called Saskia, who bought it in Hampstead, and asked whimsically: "Well hasn't everyone bought a Tshirt with a slogan that makes you go 'hmmm'?" She is not a fan of John Redwood.

But the possibilities are not lost on Hywell Williams, the Tiro to Redwood's Cicero, "An interesting franchising opportunity for the Conservative 2000 Foundation," he muses. "We should do a limited edition, perhaps signed by the di-rector and myself."

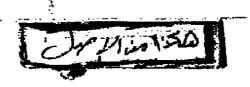
● Emily Mortimer, the actress currently earning comparisons to Audrey Hepburn with her performance in The Lights at the Royal



Emily: mustard cure

Court, discusses Russian chemists in the latest issue of Harpers & Queen. For blisters I was given green plasters that I was told to stick on my feet, out of which an antiseptic seeps. The other oddity [bought in Russia was mustard, attucked to bits of paper. When you have a cold, you lay them on your chest and inhale like Vick."

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DOWN THE TUBE

For London's sake, the Underground strikers must not win

Millions of commuters, tourists and ordinary travellers will again today suffer the weekly misery of fighting for a place on overcrowded mainline trains in and out of London, crawling through traffic jams or trudging long distances on foot across the beleaguered city. The latest one-day strike by London Underground drivers will stoke public anger against the strikers. Despite intensive talks between management negotiators and leaders of the RMT and Aslef unions - whose pleasure at inflicting pain smacks of industrial sadism - the dispute shows no sign of resolution. To those outside the capital the dispute may seem irrelevant, but vital issues are at stake. The outcome matters not only to Londoners, but to every city attempting to improve its infrastructure.

This dispute is not really about money. Nor is it about flexible rostering, though that is the aggrieved mantra repeated in every doorstep interview. It is about the right of management to manage and the refusal of unions to see their powers eroded. The point at issue is whether London Underground can demand, as the price of a pay rise, that unions surrender their traditional right to organise the holiday roster. As is obvious to any traveller, the summer season brings millions of extra visitors to the capital. The Underground needs to run extra trains, not to cancel capacity because hundreds of drivers are on holiday.

Satisfying the market is the most elementary duty of any manager in any industry. This is the reason why London Underground managers must not concede the unions' demands. For the strike comes at a time when they are showing considerable success in improving one of the world's largest, oldest and most complex public transport networks. Seven years ago the London Underground, long starved of investment, was in a parlous state, the butt of public discontent. Breakdowns were common, morale low, equipment and rolling stock dangerously antiquated. The boom of the late Eighties only added to the woes of an overstretched system. More than any other factor, the creeping paralysis in public transport tarnished London's attraction as a world business centre.

Since then, the Underground has made quiet progress. Management has improved information systems, repaired stations, increased efficiency and mapped out a longterm programme of expansion, with new lines and new services. Passengers seem to have responded to the improved services with a greater willingness to use the tube. Last year there were 784 million passenger journeys on the Underground, a 3 per cent increase over 1994 and is now approaching its previous record. Revenue was up and unit costs were down. Over the next decade, the system promises a steadily decreasing need for public subsidy.

The Underground's success has lessons for every big city. It is a publicly run and publicly funded system, and will remain so for the foreseeable future - its complexity and shared infrastructure appear to make privatisation impractical in the foreseeable future. The management has worked within the vagaries of government policy and Treasury capital limits.

The pay-off from public transport investment is hard to show on a municipal balance sheet; nor can the cost of traffic chaos be easily quantified. But all cities - among them Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield - that have invested in public transport have, sooner or later, seen the benefits: more business, more confidence, a cleaner environment and a satisfied public. Lon-

don's Underground once set an example for the world; to regain that role, its management must have the freedom to initiate and innovate. That is why today's strikers must not prevail.

public, this would seem to me morally

Moral implications of aborting a twin and of destroying human embryos

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From the Right Reverend Lord Habgood Sir, Libby Purves (How we dished pounds the offence

our values". August 6) is right. The medical profession has slid too far in trying to match reproductive performance to individual wishes, and it is time to re-establish some basic moral principles.

The moral justification for abortion rests on the principle that it is a choice between two evils, and on the belief that personhood, and hence the moral value of the foetus, grows from imper-ceptible beginnings up to the stage at which the foetus is capable of inde-pendent existence. At this point abortion becomes infanticide.

There should thus be a close relationship between the gravity of the reason for an abortion and the stage of development at which it is performed.

Talk about frozen embryos as "babies" confuses the issue. Unless we are to ascribe full personal value to every new genetic combination, the main moral value of a conceptus must lie in the hopes invested in it by its parents. If they do not want it, then morally speaking it is not much different from the millions of unmourned early mis-

The fact that frozen embryos have been deliberately created and are consciously destroyed adds an obligation to do so with respect. But to ascribe personhood to them runs the risk of emptying the term of any useful meaning.

A 16-week-old foetus is another matter altogether. The most disturbing feature of the present case is not so much that one twin should be taken and the other left, but that any foetus at this stage of development should be aborted for purely social reasons.

Unless there are special circumstances which have not been made

indefensible, and contrary to the clear intentions of the Abortion Act. The fact that the BMA regards it as normal (report, August 5) only com-

Yours faithfully, JOHN HABGOOD, 18 The Mount. Malton, North Yorkshire.

From Mr Tom Morrell

Sir, I am deeply disturbed by the attitude of the BMA that the abortion of a perfectly healthy twin is "no different from any other abortion". In that it robs a child of its life that is probably correct, but it also deprives the survi-ving infant of a lifelong companion and friend.

In observing my own three-year-old twins I can detect that they have an intuitive understanding of each other and provide loyal support at times of crisis, which my other young children could not possibly satisfy.

The surgeon concerned gives one reason for the decision as "straitened circumstances". Help and support are available to the mothers of twins through the Twins and Multiple Births Association, from friends,

neighbours, and even social services. The "heartache" experienced by Ian Craft, Director of the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre, and others vindicates the moral argument against performing selective terminations. Perhaps it's time for the Abortion Act to be at least amended.

Sincerely, TOM MORRELL, 43 Cranes Park Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.

From Mr T. Y. Benyon Sir, When the abortion laws were liberalised in the early Seventies rigorous safeguards were implemented to ensure that terminations would not be delivered on demand.

By 1981, when my wife was preg-nant with our fourth child, our doctor offered her the choice of termination apparently for no reason other than convenience.

By 1990, when I was chairman of the Milton Keynes Health Authority, the restrictions seemed to have vanished. Today, abortion appears to be offered almost as a matter of course.

My attempt to encourage an adoption service was regarded with amazement. The "counsellors" to those considering an abortion were those who supplied the service. No one thought the apparent conflict of interests re-

Perhaps those who campaign for the introduction of euthanasia, with proper safeguards of course, might consider what happens after a decade.

Yours faithfully TOM BENYON, PO Box 181.

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August 6.

From Mrs A. C. Griffin

Sir, As a parent who has two children as a result of infertility treatment, I was interested to read the letter of July 31 from the Archbishop of Glasgow and others which sought a ban on the creation of excess embryos during invitro fertilisation (IVF)

The number of embryos produced during a treatment cycle depends on each individual's response to the drugs used to stimulate ovulation. With some women several eggs will reach maturity; others may have no eggs to collect.

Not all the eggs removed will fertilise when mixed with sperm to form an embryo and not all embryos will be

considered healthy enough to reintroduce into the womb.

The success rate for IVF is only about 30 per cent at the best clinics, so nature seems to be doing an efficient

job of rejection at every stage. A fifth of all confirmed pregnancies end in miscarriage and it is a sad fact! that many thousands of embryos are: lost every day naturally, or by the use of contraceptive devices, and by so-

cially acceptable terminations. IVF is primarily concerned with the creation of life and has given hope to many couples who would be childless: without it. I for one give thanks to God! for the skill and technology that made: my family a reality.

Yours faithfully. A. C. GRIFFIN, 18 Marianne Road, Talbot Village, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. August 2

From Mrs Mary Russell

Sir, I cannot understand all the fussi about the destruction of some 3,000 human embryos (report, August 2). The point that matters in this overargued debate is that when you produce human life in the laboratory you debase the miracle of new life to just another commodity.

Having done so, there is no particular surprise to find yourself facing issues typical of all commodities, such as how to dispose of those which are

extra to requirements. The destruction of human embryos may indeed diminish us all as some say. But the real diminishment was accomplished by their production in the first place.

ours faithfully, MARY RUSSÉLL 5 Cedar Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DOLE GOES FOR GROWTH

Tax plan enhances party unity and his prospects

COMING HOME

Brown ale and claret should toast the rover's return

For a candidate routinely portrayed as particularly dull, Robert Dole has shown a flair for the dramatic this summer. After his surprise decision to leave the US Senate in June, he has been bold once again by opting for the most radical of the economic options his advisers presented to him.

The Dole plan is as ambitious in scope as that which Ronald Reagan brought to Washington — and equally short on detail of the many unpopular cuts in government programmes which it would entail. I ne pro posals that Dole outlined in Chicago would produce a 15 per cent tax cut across the board and require enormous cuts in public spending to produce a balanced budget by 2002.

Mr Dole's new-found faith in the supplyside doctrine that low taxes will automatically generate rapid non-inflationary growth and smaller federal deficits represents a philosophical shift. Traditionally he has had a more austere approach to economics. based on the persistent pursuit of a balanced budget. His devotion to orthodoxy led to votes against the major tax reductions of the Kennedy-Johnson era and a barely concealed contempt for the supply-side enthusiasts of the early 1980s. His philosophy was closer to the Republicanism of Herbert Hoover than of Ronald Reagan.

Recently, however, Mr Dole has changed. working closely with Newt Gingrich to produce a blueprint that claimed both to slash taxes by \$245 billion and to balance the budget by 2002. That Bill fell victim to President Clinton's veto. The Chicago speech was thus a continuation of the new radical Republican consensus: significant reductions in taxation; big cuts in government spending: and a balanced budget sanctified

Few prodigal sons have commanded such

prodigal sums as Alan Shearer. The Geordie

schoolboy who made hearts pound harder

under three-lioned shirts this summer

returned in triumph to his native Newcastle

vesterday with pounds rather than palms

strewing his golden boots. His return, from

Blackburn, to the corner of England where

he first learnt to test the strength of the

netting is worthy of a double celebration. It

is glorious affirmation that one's feet feel

most comfortable where they first touched

the ground and it is a symbol of the cultural

and economic regeneration of Geordieland.

to return to the smokestacks of his youth

after delighting the world from Lancashire.

Sir Stanley Matthews, the Hermes-heeled

winger who brought glory to Blackpool and

style to an England shirt in the Fifties,

returned to his hometown club, Stoke City,

in 1961. Wiseacres of the time derided the

money lavished on a player thought past his

best. But the winger was worthy of his hire.

Sir Stan attracted 35,288 spectators and

transformed a ground described as a

graveyard with floodlights by bringing in

thousands more seats in the new stadium

their chairman, Sir John Hall, plans for

them if they are to make back the £15 million

Alan Shearer cost. But then Sir John has

already shown his skill in making back

millions on outrageous investments. When

the shipyards of the Tyne fell silent and

Newcastle United will have to have many

many thousands more than he cost.

Alan Shearer is not the first football hero

by constitutional amendment. Mr Reagan delivered only the first of these promises. If a President Dole could fulfil all three he would transform American economics and politics.

For Mr Dole this daring choice was probably unavoidable, since it will allow him to base his election campaign in an area where his party is united. Whatever their differences on social policy - especially abortion and the influence of the small religious Right - virtually all Republicans emprace the economic outloo candidate will now champion. The voting public regards President Clinton with suspicion on issues of public revenues, despite the excellent performance of the American economy under his watch.

Mr Dole therefore believes that the more he can associate himself with the themes of minimal taxation, smaller government and rapid economic growth, the greater will be his chances in the November contest. The White House is aware of its weaknesses if the battle is waged on this terrain. Democrats rushed to highlight how much Mr Dole had moved towards the fiscal philosophy of Mr Gingrich, and suggested an election year conversion. For Bill Clinton to accuse any other politician of inconsistency and poll-driven policy is the height of hypocrisy. The economic performance of the Reagan years, with real annual growth averaging virtually 4 per cent between 1983 and 1989, is there to be judged. The difficulty then was the failure to attack federal expenditure and thereby avoid budget deficits. If Mr Dole can make a compelling case for the parallel reduction in both tax and spending, then his economic message may yet kick-start his stagnant campaign.

Northumberland's colliery wheels spun

their last, he bought up acres outside

Gateshead and built a shopping mall while

pay-packets dwindled. The MetroCentre

could have been a white elephant, but it

technology have transformed the North

East. To match the industrial makeover Sir

John proposes a football facelift with a

Newcastle Sporting Club, after the style of

Barcelona or Lisbon, which gives its

supporters rugby, soccer, boxing and more

in surroundings to shame the South. The

dreams of civic improvement entertained by

the too-easily tempted T. Dan Smith are now

being realised, but by modern enterprise not

Socialism's shade is shrinking in the area

even as it attracts the best of new Labour.

The Majorite mafia in East Anglia is

matched by the Blairite broederbond in the

North East. From Peter Mandelson, the

Hartlepool Talleyrand, to the shrewd Ste-

phen Byers in Wallsend and the intelligent

Alan Milburn in Darlington, not to mention

Mo Mowlam and Doug Henderson, the

heart of new Labour lies twixt Tyne and

Tees. When the late John Smith attended a

party in Tony Blair's constituency he asked

for a drink and was offered, in a metaphor

for modernisation. Brown Ale or claret.

Whether it is Newcastle Brown in North

Shields or Château Talbot in Tynemouth,

Geordies should be raising a glass this week

to their renaissance and the rover's return.

Now, reborn confidence and rising sun

became a bloated cash cow.

municipal socialism.

Danger of delaying decision over European currency

From the Director of the European Movement -United Kingdom

Sir, For the record, it was not the Government's current "wait and see" policy on economic and monetary union that was criticised by the MPs in the Treasury Select Committee (report, July 30). In fact, they were warning against the UK adopting a "wait and see" policy some years hence, when the single currency is launched.

Their point was that if the UK is disposed to join, it should do so at the outset rather than delaying entry and waiting to see how the currency develons. This hesitation would leave the LIK powerless to shape monetary policy, in the same way that Britain allowed others to frame the common agricultural policy.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WOODARD, Director, European Movement --United Kingdom, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, SWI.

From Lord Carr of Hadley

Sir. Your leader of July 30. "Off the fence", provokes me too much. Off the tence leads only into the mire. If you believe that all the big decisions in Europe have already been taken you

must, it seems to me, have temporarilv lost both your common sense and your depth of political knowledge.

If you are in fact wrong about this, then the policy you apparently advocate - an announcement now that Britain will not accept membership of a common currency during the lifetime of the next Parliament - would be incalculably damaging to the future interests of Britain. It would indeed be sending the next British Government naked to the European con-

ference table. This would be madness. In my view, the British people from membership of an EMU, including a single currency. But not at any price - only on terms which we have helped to form and which we believe to be the best available and to be acceptable.

Even if I believed the opposite, I would still want the British Government to have a full and effective negotiating part in the impending European conferences.

The actual detailed terms for a single currency will be just as important for Britain in the long run if we are outside the agreement as if we are in it. But what effective influence could our ministers wield if all the other countries know for certain that, for what could be as long as six years, the British Government is bound to say no to whatever is proposed?

I am in any case convinced that, once a negotiated agreement has been approved by Parliament, it should be submitted to a referendum for final ratification.

Yours faithfully ROBERT CARR (Home Secretary, 1972-74), House of Lords. August 1.

From Mr Lawrence Duttson

Sir, Since the states of Europe do not have equally "stable" economies the ined by Mr Sze -stable money merey (letter, July 31) can be imposed only by fudging the books. Stability is best served by restoring and improving the community of free and inde-

pendent nations. All opinion polls point to a rejection by the British people of a single cur-rency. We are therefore right to refuse to have our own money used to sub-sidise pro-EMU propaganda, as Mr

Szemerev suggests. The Chinese are said to charge the families of those they execute for the bullets used in the process. There seems no reason to import this unsavoury practice to Britain.

Yours faithfully B. L. DUTTSON 80 Esmond Road, W4. July 30.

Vintage air crashes

From Mr Ian C. Statham

Sir, Mr David A. Horton (letter, July 25) is only partly right in his observa-tions that older aircraft tend to be less forgiving and need to be flown with care. The fact is that display flying in any aircraft is the most hazardous type of flying, and vintage aircraft such as the Mosquito fly almost solely for displays.

Also significant is that the pool of experience and knowledge gained on these rare types has been largely lost. In recent years some accidents have been for reasons which experienced pilots in the aircraft's heyday would have known about and avoided. I remember, following the loss of a vintage Meteor jet and a Blenheim bomber some years ago, an old friend and wartime pilot telling me that all the squadron pilots "knew about that problem". Unfortunately the latterday pilots did not.

The loss of the Mosquito was, for me, especially poignant. It was the only airworthy example in Britain and one of only two in the world. The Mosquito was a work of art as well as a masterpiece of engineering and craftsmanship. As with the Spitfire, few could see its beauty in the sky and hear the sound of its Merlin engines without being moved. The appearance of the Mosquito at any display was guaranteed to draw the crowds. It had the same effect as a Spitfire and Concorde - possibly more so because

It is my hope that an enterprising individual or group in Britain will find the means to restore one of the remaining static Mosquitos to flying condition again, as a tribute to the men who died in these aircraft.

Yours faithfully. IAN C. STATHAM (Flying instructor). 42 Moorend Park Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

it was rarer.

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Music in schools

From Mr Michael Robertson

Sir, Mrs Bottomley has spoken of making young people passionate about the arts (report, July 31). As a school director of music I have watched powerlessly over the last decade and more while the arts have been systematically dismantled in our state schools. Instrumental tuition. local music services and youth orchestras have all but disappeared. At national level, the London City Ballet has collapsed and at least one London or-

chestra may follow. Once again, our politicians have failed or refused to see the cause of the problem. Our heritage has been allowed to become the victim of market forces. "Value for money" may well be the cry, but if there is not nearly enough money how can there be anything of value? What is the point of a national curriculum for music if schools cannot afford to purchase musical instruments and provide the staff to teach them?

Full and proper funding from central government for the arts at all levels is essential. Lottery sources are painfully inadequate. As a nation, we have not been prepared to safeguard our artistic life and we are now paying the consequences.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL ROBERTSON. Orchard Cottage, 3 Orchard Terrace, Main Street, Northiam, East Sussex. August 1.

Seeing is believing

From Mr Charles Barrand

Sir, For months now broadcasting schedules have been dominated night and day by sporting events to the exclusion of other interests. We are living under a ruthless spectatorship.

Yours sincerely. CHARLES BARRAND. 171 George Readings Way. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Suez and Hungary

From Sir Ronald Preston

Sir. Having been your correspondent in Budapest at the time, I would like to endorse Mr Donald Bush's view (letter. August I) on the doleful effect that the Suez adventure had on events in Hungary. Soviet tanks had just withdrawn to outside Budapest after their first clashes with the insurgents and there was some reason to hope that they would not return.

Then the news of the attack on Suez broke. It was received with dismay by everyone I talked to. The lift attendant at my hotel expressed the general feeling when he angrily told me that morning that there would be no stop ping the Russians now.

Subsequently a Soviet diplomat remarked to me privately that we had both been bad boys, "what with you in Suez and us in Hungary".

Yours faithfully, RONALD PRESTON. 68 Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. August 2.

Club evening

From Mrs J. C. Trewin

Sir, The Queen's planned visit to the Garrick Club next December (not September, as stated in today's Diary) may be her first at the Garrick's invitation, but it is not her first to the club's premises.

She attended a reception held there on November 8, 1989, at the invitation of the Royal Theatrical Fund, to celebrate the fund's 150th anniversary. Kingsley Amis would have remembered the occasion; he was annoyed by the disruption caused.

Yours sincerely, WENDY TREWIN, 14 Eldon Grove, NW3. July 30.

> Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

White lies

August 3.

From Mr Duncan Bryson

Sir, Dr Johnson may have worried; over fabricating his reporting of Parliament, as Simon Jenkins asserts "Joe Klein and his white lie", July 27), but did not seem so concerned about initially denying his authorship of London, a satire on the government of the day.

No one was more zealous for truth...

but he conceded: that what a man has no right to ask, you may refuse to communicate; and there is no other effectual mode of preserving a secret, and an important secret, the discovery of which may be very hurtful to you, but a flat; denial: for if you are silent, or hesita evade, it will be held equivalent to a confes-

Yours sincerely DUNCAN BRYSON. 109 Martin Avenue, Irvine, Ayrshire." July 27.

Chocolate producers

From the Director of the Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance

Sir, The British chocolate market was worth more than £3 billion in 1995, so there is plenty of room for all types, including those promoted by Tony Patrick in the Chocolate Box column; (Weekend, July 20).

However, what evidence has he that

large cocoa buyers renege on agree-

ments? And why does he think that large manufacturers are uncaring for the welfare of labourers? This alliance has long urged the producing countries to develop alternative methods of pest control. Where

the use of agri-chemicals is essential

we aim to ensure that these are strictly Yours faithfully JOHN NEWMAN. Director, The Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate

and Confectionery Alliance,

37-41 Bedford Row, WC1.

August 1.

Maddened by bells

From Mr M. D. Eden Sir. A letter today, in defence of bellringing, was printed thus: "Visiting other churches broadens the experience of ringers, as does the occasional

Are you advocating bell-ringing in the buff? I think we should be tolled.

Yours etc. M. D. EDEN, 38 Arkwright Road, NW3. August 5.

Down on the farm?

From Miss Anne Molyneux Sir. According to your newspaper to-day, we are invited, if we "know a benefit rip-off", to "give us a telephone tip-off"; an inquiry into A-level grades cannot proceed because "officials say exam papers from earlier decades have been hard to find"; and made tomeasure body armour, to be known as "Metvest", is to be issued to 28,000

Metropolitan Police officers. Brush up your Orwell. Start quoting him now. Perhaps only the date was inaccurate.

Yours faithfully ANNE MOLYNEUX, Masons (solicitors), 30 Aylesbury Street, ECI. August 5.



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Image on Turin

Shroud 'did come

from man's body'

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

heartbeat.

THE Turin Shroud's image of

a tortured man may indeed

have been created by contact

with a fresh corpse. Avoiding

religious connotations and

associations as far as pos-

sible". Dr Allan Mills pro-

poses that diffusion of oxygen

atoms from the body produced

the faint image believed by

many to be the crucified Christ.

kept at Annecy and later

Turin, has been remarked for

its smudged outline of the

back and front of a body. Only

when it was photographed did

the negative image spring to life, showing a bearded man

with what appeared to be pierced wrists and feet and

Radiocarbon dating in 1989

indicated that the cloth itself

was of medieval date, and that

the shroud could thus not have

been the winding-sheet of

Christ, although that in turn

bloodstained head.

sy over the relic's age.

of the common molecule, able

to cross cell membranes in the

body but also capable of inter-

acting with the fibres of the

linen shroud during its short

life. "Within the past decade it

has become increasingly rec-

ognised that diseases and oth-

er challenges to the body can

result in breakdown of normal

controls, with toxic or even

lethal consequences," he says. This "oxidative stress" can

be caused by trauma, shock,

connective tissue damage, and

injury to the central nervous

system. The singlet form of

oxygen was produced under

just such conditions, "by

superoxide reactions in severe-

ly traumatised but still surviv-

ing surficial cells of his body".

Release of singlet oxygen from

living tissue has been demon-

For centuries the shroud,

strated, as has the survival of

blood and muscle cells after

brain death and cessation of

Discoloration of paper and

textiles by oxidative chain re-

actions, even in darkness, is

also well known to curators.

Dr Mills says, and that would

account for the faint yellow tone of the shroud image. The

rapid decay of the singlet mol-

ecules after adsorption onto

the linen would prevent dif-fusion within the fibres; only

the top layer of the shroud's

The image would have been

latent to begin with, but would

have become more apparent

after decades of storage in a

dark, dry place. An unusual

combination of circumstances.

each not remarkable in itself.

could have yielded the effect

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Dr Mills's thesis thus ex-

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COURT

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 6: Lady Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE August 6: Miss Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will embark in HMY Rritannia at Portsmouth at 4.55 and will cruise in the Western Isles.

Service dinner

222 (Natal) Squadron RAF Mr Joe Crawshaw, Chairman of 222 (Natal) Squadron RAF Re-union Association, received the guests at a dinner held last night at New Norfolk Hotel. Birmingham, of former members of the squadron and their ladies.

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Robert Blake, par-liamentarian and admiral, at sea

off Plymouth, 1657; Caroline, Queen Consort of King George IV.

London, 1821: Joseph Marie Jac-

quard, silk weaver, Oullins, France, 1834; Aleksandr Blok, Rus-

sian poet, 1921; Curbaston Gregorio Ricci, mathematician,

1925; Konstantin Stanislavsky, ac-

tor and co-founder of the Moscov

Arts Theatre, Moscow, 1938; Sit

Rabindranath Tagore, poet. philosopher, Calcutta, 1941.

Parliament passed an act prohibit-

ing the employment of boys as chimney sweeps 18/0

The first British Grand Prix was

Forthcoming marriages

Birthdays

today

The Right Rev David Bentley, Bishop of Gloucester, 61; Air Commodore Colin Cadell, 90, Mr

Greg Chappell, cricketer, 48: Mr Neil Clarke, chairman, British Coal, 62; Professor H.L. Elvin.

former director, London University Institute of Education, 91: Mr

Matthew Evans, chairman and

managing director, Faber and Faber, 55; Sir Ian Fraser, former

chairman, Lazard Brothers, 73; the

Right Rev A.A.K. Graham, Bishop

kins, former MP, 84; Mr J.H.

Jackson, company secretary, Brit-

ish Gas, 48; Mr Kenneth Kendall.

broadcaster, 72: Sir Andrew Large,

chairman, Securities and Invest

ments Board, 54; Mr Owen Luder,

president, Royal Institute of Brit-ish Architects, 68: Mr A.G. Mc-

Crae, former chairman, British

Ports Association, 87; Dame Ella

Poris Association, 87; Dame Elia Macknight, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 92; Vice-Admiral Sir Hector MacLean, 88; Mr Peter Niver, jockey, 32; Mr Matthew Parris, former MP, author and broadcaster, 47; Mr Nick Ross, broadcaster, 49; Mr Alexel Sayle, cymedian 44; Braness Seezr Si:

comedian, 44; Baroness Seear, 83; Mr Philip Snow, author, 81; Mr

Roger Stott, MP. 53: Mr Walter Swinburn, jockey, 35: Sir Richard

Sykes, deputy chairman and chief executive, Glaxo Welkome, 54; Mr

Allen Thomas, world-wide creative director, J. Walter Thompson, 52:

Mr J.A. Young, chairman.
 Young and Company's Brewery.

BIRTHS: John Ayrton Paris, physician, Cambridge, 1785; Frederic William Farrar, writer of school stories, Dean of Camerbury 1895 Mr N. Chetwynd-Taibol and Miss PJ. Toulmin The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and 1903, Bombay, 1831; Sir Granville Bantock, composer, London, 1868; Mrs Chetwynd-Talbot, of Louis Leakey, archaeologist and Coxwold, York, and Penelope daughter of Mr and Mrs Toulmin. anthropologist, Kabere, Kenya, 1903; Raiph Johnson Bunche, dipof Thorp Arch, Yorkshire. lomat, Nobel Peace laureate 1950.

Squadron Leader P.R. Delahunt-Rimmer and Flight Lieutenaut H.F.

Pittman The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Rimmer, of Hale, Cheshire, and Henrietta, youngest daughter of the late Mr Harold Pittman and of Mrs Pittman, of

Lady Fitzpatrick

A Service of Thanksgiving for the be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at noon on Tuesday, September 10.

University news

nney sweeps, 1840.

run at Brooklands, 1926.

The Council of Bristol University has approved the title of Emeritus Professor to the following on their retirement (on July 31): Professor D K Bailey, Geo Professor E Braum, Drama: Prof

Professor E Braim, Draina; Professor R N Dixon, Chemistry: Professor E G Ellison, Mechanical Engineering: Professor J E Enderby, Physics; Professor E Hoyle, Education; Professor S L Millham, Policy Studies (retired December 31, 1995); Professor H G Morgan, Mental Health; Professor P Parsioe, Policy Studies; Professor H Pearson. Veterinary Science; Professor C J F Williams, Philosophy. The following to be awarded honorary chairs (from August I): Dr D J Anstee, Director of the Bristol Institute of Transfusion Sciences and of the International Blood Group Reference Laboratory; Dr A Oakhili. Consultant Paediatric Oncologist and Haematologist at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

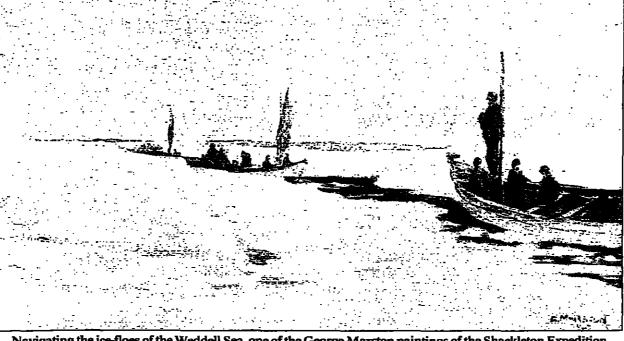
The following to be awarded the title of reader (from August I): Mr D Alderson, Surgery: Dr R L Brady, Biochemistry: Dr M R Car-roll, Geology: Dr I C Cuthill, Biologi-cal Sciences; Dr R P Evershed, Chem-

istry: Mr A L Friedman, Economics: Dr T J Gruffydd-Jones, Clinical Veterinary Science; Mr J R Kerridge, Law; Dr A Leyshon, Geography; Dr J C Rickard, Mathematics; Mr R C Smith, Policy Studies: Dr P D Welch, Mathematics; Dr C L Willis, Chemistre

To be awarded the title of se research fellow (from August 1): Dr M C Holley, Physiology: Dr J M Rogers (Medicine — Rheumatology): Dr M M Tavare, Biochemistry.

To be awarded the title of senior lecturer (from August 1): Dr N L Allan. Chemistry; Mr J O Bailey, Geography; Mr M G Basker. Russian Studies; Dr M A Beach, Electrical and Electronic Engineering: Mr J A Borkowski, Law; Dr K W Brown, Pathology and Microbiology; Dr B F J Caddick, Social Policy; Dr M W Crossley, Education: Dr J L Donovan, Social Medicine: Dr R R Donovan, Social Metacine: Dr. R. R. Hillier, Physics; Dr. I C. Kilpatrick, Pharmacology; Mr. C. A. Lambshead, Continuing Education: Dr. T. P. Martin. Engineering Mathematics: Dr. D. A. Reynolds. French: Dr. C. J. Riddoch, Sport, Exercise and Health Science: Tech. M. P. Zanusken, Mathematics.

Dr M B Zaturksa, Mathemati Dr A W Preece has been appointed reader on his transfer from the United Bristol Healthcare Trust.



Navigating the ice-floes of the Weddell Sea, one of the George Marston paintings of the Shackleton Expedition

Painter catches fight for polar survival

PAINTINGS made during one of the great polar exploits in the history of British exploration have surfaced in London after nearly 80 years.

The five previously unpublished pictures depicting Sir Ernest Shackleton's trans-Antarctic expedition of 1914-17 have emerged from a private English collection. The oil paintings, by George Marston, a member of the expedition, illustrate the dramas that befell the team after their ship, the Endurance, was stuck in the ice in January 1915. Having

Church news

Recent appointments include:

The Rev Christopher Macdonald,

Curate, Eastbourne All Saints: to

be Curate, Polegate (Chichester).

The Rev Will Pridie, Curate,

Kingstone, Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore and Thruston:

to be Assistant Director of Train-

ing (Hereford), with pastoral over-sight for the parishes of St Michael. Bockleton; St Andrew,

Leysters; St James the Great, Kimbolton; St Dubricius and All

Saints', Hamnish; St Mary the Virgin, Middleton on the Hill,

The Rev Michael Sabell, Senior

Diocesan Chaplain for Lichfield Diocesan Council with Deaf

People: to be Priest-in-charge, Great and Little Wymondley and

Diocesan Chaplain among Deaf

The Rev Raymond Smith, Vicar, St

same diocese.

People (St Albans).

salvaged boats, provisions and sledges from the ship, which finally sank on November 21, 1915, the 28-man crew found themselves in drifting ice 350 miles from the nearest land.

In April 1916, after an exhausting journey by sledge and boat, they reached Elephant Island, from where Shackleton and five crew members set sail in the James Caird on a perilous voyage for help to South Georgia 800 miles away. The remaining on Elephant Island crew were rescued after camping beneath

upturned boats for 102 days. Nicholas Lambourn, of Christie's topographical picture department, who expects the paintings to fetch a total of up to £40, 000 on September 27, said yesterday: "Marston was a solid member of the team and his paintings are incredibly rare. They reflect one of the truly great polar adventures - less tragic than Scott's expedition but nonetheless equally daunting. These paintings chart an extraordinary tale of courage and survival against the odds."

Mary Magdalen, Tilehurst (Oxford): to be Team Rector, Haywards Heath (Chichester).

The Rev Richard Smith, Rector, The Rev Andrew West, Curate, Si Hulland, Atlow, Bradley, Hogmarton and Kniveton (Derby): John's, Blackpool (Blackburn): to to be Priest-in-charge, Long Comp-ton, Whichford and Baron on the Heath (Coventry).

The Rev David Stevens, Rector, Illogan (Truro): to be Vicar, Highworth w Sevenhampton and Inglesham and Hannington (Bristol).

The Rev Daniel Tyndall. Curate, parish of Central Wolverhampton (Lichfield): to be Curate, to be known as Associate Vicar, benefice and parish of St Mary Redcliffe w Temple, Bristol, and St John the Baptist, Bedminster.

The Rev Paul Watson, Team Vicar, Borehamwood (St Albans): to be Vicar, Immannuel and All Saints', The Rev Richard Weller, Vicar,

Birstall St Peter, and Rural Dean of Birstall: to be Vicar, St Thomas,

be Team Vicar, Bedworth Team Ministry (Coventry). Resignations and retireme

The Rev Gordon Benfield, Vicar, w Wasperton and Sherbourne (Coventry): to retire on

The Rev Derek Ching, Vicar, Butlers Marston and the Pillertons (Coventry): to retire on September

The Rev Michael Henley, Vicar, Groombridge (Chichester): to retire October 31.

The Rev John Stevinson, Diocesan Ministry Development Adviser and Priest-in-charge, Learnington Hastings and Birdingbury (Diese of Coventry): to retire on

Warden, Mr M J W Piercy.

His Honour Judge Irvine retired on July 31 from the Circuit Bench

Latest wills

Pewterers' Company

on the Midland and Oxford Circuit, and not the Western Circuit.

Recent estates include (net before

The following have been elected

Retirement

officers of the Pewterers' Company for the ensuing year: Master. Mr J P Hull; Upper Warden, Dr G M Pearl; Renter

Mr Frank Arthur Wickham, of Pinner, Middlesex £623,208 Mrs Ethel Iris Ganden, of Farnham, Surrey £1.147,018

has been challenged by a could have acquired its strikcontroversial new technique ing portrayal of a tormented (The Times, March 25, 1996). How the human image was created has remained a mystery, however. That, together with the recent suggestion (The Times, July 8, 1966) that

body, and corroborates stud-ies which suggest that the image was not produced by any known artistic technique. What it does not do is to indicate whose body it was, the impression of a Roman where he came from, or when coin has been detected on the he was briefly wrapped in the shroud, reopens the controvercloth: while another layer of mystery may have been peeled Dr Mills's "reactive oxygen away from the shroud, a cloud intermediates hypothesis" of unknowing remains. proposes that "singlet oxygen" behaves as an activated form

lous intervention.

Source: Interdisciplinary Science Reviews, Vol 20:319-327



The Turin Shroud: whose body was it?.

RAF Cranwell graduation

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, accompanied by Lady Inge, visited the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on Thursday July 25 to review the graduation of No 161 Initial Officer annual prizes on the occasion of

General Duties Branch - Pilot General Drines Branca — Phot Hying Officers C A Lenahan BA, L R Vickers BEng, M V Waring BSc. Pilot Officers W H Curtis BEng, R M Dixon BEng, M T Dunlop MA, C T Fairley BSc. D J D Larkam BSc, N G Richardson BSc. M L Stretton-Cox

> Acting Pilot Officers M D Lock, D J Prochera, A.M. Prvor. General Duties Branch - Navigator

Flying Officers D C Boulton BA, N E Ebberson, M J Farrell BA, Pilot Officers N J Baxter BEng, M R Evans Meng, S J Gilbert BA. C J Gillan BA. K D Jewitt Beng, J A Morgan BSc, C Perks BEng, Acting Pilot Officers S M Brown, J R Collingbourne, M Elwell, S M Collingbourne, M Elwell, S M Hewer, S I Lockwood. General Duties Branch - Air

General Duties Branch — Engineer Flying Officer A P K Chapman.

General Duties (Ground) Branch Pilot Officers: R A Elias BSc, A G Hill BA, C E White BSc. Acting Pilot Officers: J C Cleaver, A L Morris General Duties (Ground) Branch - Fighter Control

Flying Officer J M Ashlin BSc. Pilot Officers M R Hinde BSc. S E Tove BA. Acting Pilot Officer P E Harrild. General Duties (Ground) Branch

 Intelligence
Pilot Officer M G Wilkinson BA. Engineer Branch

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By JOHN SHAW

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BUTLEH-COLE - Mary Rosa (née Deanys), kuch loved wife of Michael Butler-Cole, mother of Chilstopher and Rosemary, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Augustine's, West Monkton at 2.30 pm on Thursday StA August. No flowers but donations if desired in her memory to water

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CHUBE - Hisabeth Spencer after a long iliness died peacefully on August 6th aged 86 years. Dearly loved by her daughter Grivin and much loved by family and friends. Church Service to take place on Friday 9th August at St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Heriodishire at 3 pm. Family flowers only bet donations if wished for Boyal National Institute for the Hind clo S.A. Evans, 23/24 Gaol Street, Hereford HRI 2HU (01432) 273736.

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ensworth - Priscilla Caroline (Carol), née Stelton, agad 81 cm 3rd Angust 1996, widow of Raymond (died 17th April 1996), deanly loved mother of Julian, Simon and Natalle, grandmother of Rebecca, Anna, David, Jonathan and Joille, and sister of Bohin. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Ham, Surrey on Monday 12th Church, Church Road, Ham, Surrey on Monday 12th August at 12.30 pm. Cramation private Family Rowers only, Donations it desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o T.H. Sanders & Sons, 1A. Upper Ham Boad, Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey TW10 SLD, tel: (0181) 549-8967.

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DEATHS FAIRLEY - Rena (Waddell) former Chairman of Otterburn MIII Ltd. Widow of Dr. J.S. Fairley. Died on 5th August 1996 after a long illness.

LEMNING - The funeral fo John Allan Fleming, O.B.E., M.R.C.V.S., M.S.C., will take place at Kedington Parish Church on Friday 9th August at 10.30 am followed by Economist, born 1913, dies 6th August 1996 Siena

HADFIELD - On 6th August 1996, Charles (ECR.), CMG., aged 27 at Ashley House, Chencester. Funeral at All Hallows Church, South Cerawy, nr. Chencester on Wednesday 14th August at 230 pm. Howers may be sent to Facker & Slade Funeral Service, City Bank Road, Cirencester or donations to All Hallows Fabric Malintenance Fund c/o Reverend Calvert, The Vicarage, South Cerney, nr. Cirencester, Glos.

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LLOYD - On August 5th 1996 at Piperell, David Llewellyn aged 86 years, much loved husband of Evadne, father of Sampson and Sara, stoniather of Philippa and nusuand or Lvadne, father of Sampson and Sara, stepfather of Philippa and Shum, grandineher of Katy, Amy and David, Private funeral. No flowers. WILLARD - Ernest Claud (Bunny) peacefully on Monday 5th August aged 98. Much loved husband of the late Doris, father of Michael.

father-in-law of Patti, grandfather of James and a great friend to samy. Funesal at Woking Crematorium on Tuesday 13th August at 2pm. No flowers please. Details of Memorial Service to be amoranced later.

MOGFORD - Doris May, on 3rd August peacefully at home at Warrington Place Farmhouse, Paddock Wood, Kent, aged 78. Beloved wife of Stephen George, mother of Fhilip Chartes (Cothrock) and Stephen John and much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at the Methodist Church, 5t Peter Street, Tiverton, Devon on Monday 12th August 1996 at 12 am followed by burful at Tiverton Cemetery, Flowers and enquicies to Cross and Beale, 27 Bellmont Road, Tiverton Exid 6AR - tel: (01884) 252227.

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ROGERS - Besti on August 3rd after a long illness, very beloved husband of Pam. Cremation at Morticke I pm on August 12th. Family flowers only. Donations to Southborough Nursing Homse.

SAISNEERS - Arthur Ernest - suddenly on 2nd August 1996, aged 76 years. Much loved brother to Rirty, uncle to Norma, ite will be safty missed by all his family and riends. Funeral Service on Monday 12th August, 1.45pm at the Surrey and Susses Compaterium Family flowers only but if wished, denations to The British Diabetic Association of Stoneman Funeral Service, Dozap Court, Esigne Road,

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FRANK MARCUS



Frank Marcus, playwright and critic, died in London from a pulmonary embolism on August 5 aged 68. He was born in Breslau, Germany (now Wrocław, Poland), on June 30,

FRANK MARCUS's sole major success, The Killing of Sister George, opened in the West End in 1965. It had been seen earlier at the Bristol Old Vic. then a regular try-out theatre for new plays and new authors. In London it achieved instant success. The subject, a failing "marriage" between a lesbian couple. was daring for its time and George only narrowly missed the attentions of the Lord Chamberlain's office (one of the reasons for its escape was that the word "lesbian" never occurred in

the text). George was witty and precisely observed. And it was immaculately cast. Beryl Reid and Eileen Atkins were the warring couple, both picking up awards for their performances, while Lally Bowers and Margaret Courtenay played the supporting roles with almost equal distinction. It had nothing in common with either the theatrical revolution that had started at the Royal Court or with the last remnants of the drawing-room comedies which still occupied part of Shaftesbury Avenue. George ran for more than 18

months, was translated into a number of European languages and played on Broadway. It was filmed with the radio serial, from which the district nurse Sister George is axed because of declining ratings, unwisely elevated into a TV soap. The director, Robert Aldrich, laid a heavy hand on it and the best efforts of Coral Browne and Susannah York could not save it.

Frank Marcus did screenplay nor did he much like the film. But he took consolation from the fact that the stage George had collected Play of the Year awards from Plays and Players and Variety and had shared the Evening Standard 1965 prize with John Osborne's



Frank Marcus, left, with Beryl Reid and Susannah York in the film version of The Killing of Sister George, 1969

Jewish family in Silesia. The Marcu-

ses moved to Berlin and Frank grew

By coincidence Patriot and George, almost twins in their themes of male and female homosexuality. each had major revivals last year. Patriot had the backing of the RSC and did the better of the two. George. with Miriam Margolyes in the title role, could manage only a short run in the non-subsidised theatre.

Marcus had written several plays before The Killing of Sister George and he was to write more afterwards. But, however hard he tried, he was never to recreate that particular success. He did, though, become drama critic of The Sunday Telegraph for a decade from 1968 to 1978, taking over the seat from the first incumbent Alan Brien. Marcus was almost unique among his generation in operating from both sides of the footlights, writing for the theatre by day and observing it at night. Shaw, of course, had done the same and so. in a more modest way, had Charles 'Morgan when drama critic of The Times. But Marcus was unma in the 1960s and 1970s for knowing just what made the theatre tick from inside and out. This was clear from his critical pronouncements and from the structure of his mature plays, which tended to have small casts and few scenic demands.

up under Nazi domination, an experience which seared him. The family had to dissemble to survive, possibly sparking off his later creative skills, and were among the last Jews to flee the country. They left in 1939. Only 30 years later did Marcus agree to revisit the streets of his boyhood.

In Britain, apart from a period as an evacuee in Shropshire, he was educated in Kent in a school staffed mainly by German Quakers. The German influence remained with him all his life, although his spiritual home was probably more the Vienna of the dramatist Arthur Schnitzler than the harsher ambience of Berlin. He recognised that he was an outsider not equipped to adapt comfortably to the traditions, theatrical and other, of his new country. Marcus was by nature and by circumstances an observer.

There was no question of a at 15, went to the St Martin's School of Art and drifted into the left-wing theatre as a dogsbody ready to do all that was required of him - designing, acting, directing and even writing. He became a familiar figure in the "little theatres" which flourished Frank Marcus was born of a in the late 1940s, most of them run on club lines and filled by audiences of the communist faithful. Marcus watched the various sectarian wrangles but rarely joined in. He was not a political playwright. A series of casual jobs supported his work in the theatre and in 1950 he saw his first play. Minuet for Stuffed Birds, performed, which he was later to describe as a "Chekhovian exercise."

In 1951 Frank Marcus married Jacqueline Sylvester, whose parents set up their son-in-law in a silver shop in Chancery Lane. For a period he left the theatre, writing only at weekends. He probably enjoyed observing the customers coming into his shop as much as selling them shining objects. He did, though, produce his one epic in the Brechtian manner. The Man Who Bought a Battlefield, which was duly staged by the Unity Theatre after some infighting in 1963. His next play, in order of writing

though not of staging, was Cleo3/5MO, an episodic study of a sexually liberated girl of those once swinging Sixties trying unsuccessfully to find an ideal man. Jane Asher, one of the icons of the period and a star of the Bristol Old Vic, played her in Bristol in 1965, the year Sister George came to London. Marcus is said to have based the character on

one of several pretty, freewheeling assistants who came to work in his Chancery Lane silver shop. But before then The Formation Dancers had had a brief run in the West End. It was typically Marcus in dealing, in a detached and ironic way, with the marital problems of a group of London intellectuals.

Irving Wardle, in a rare major study of Marcus, which appeared in The London Magazine, said that he wrote about "the foibles of a small sector of metropolitan life whose denizens - Encounter contributors, gallery owners, BBC officials — are exhibited in a brightly lit aquarium". Marcus himself went halfway to agreeing with this when he admitted that his people were Observer readers, trying to bridge the gap between ambition and performance, liberalism and their emotions".

And perhaps that was his problem as a playwright. Many of the pieces which followed in regular succession won respectful reviews, but there were reservations about the small size of the canvas: Studies of the Nude (1967), Mr Mouse, Are You Within? (1968), Notes on a Love Affair (1972). Marcus was praised for his dialogue, but the plays lacked passion and they did not succeed in drawing a wide audience. It was almost as though he was trying to translate the turn of the century Viennese idiom, which he admired so much, into London terms and was not getting the right response.

Early on in the 1950s he had translated Schnitzler successfully for relevision (Liebelei and Reigen, as La Ronde). He returned to his favourite Central Europe when he made a version of Ferenc Molnar's The Guardsman for the National, It starred Maggie Smith and was decently staged by Peter Wood, but it did not set the South Bank on fire. In the 1970s Marcus's reputation probably rested more securely on his position as drama critic of The Sunday Telegraph, where his weekly column was both well informed and well judged. He knew exactly what

he was writing about. However, he was already fighting against Parkinson's disease, which had affected him since the early 1960s. As the 1970s drew on he found going to the theatre more and more difficult despite the sturdy help of his wife Jacqueline. Marcus, a naturally shy and guarded man, let her do most of the talking with fellow critics. who were both convivial and concerned about him. In 1978 he handed over the post to the novelist and literary critic Francis King. Marcus went on writing for - and about - the theatre from his home. His work included Two Plays for Schools (1980) and a translation of Hauptmann's The Weavers in the same year. There were regular contributions to literary and drama magazines in this country and in America. But the grip of Parkinson's became tighter, notably after the death of his wife in 1993.

Two years ago Marcus left his Glastonbury home to be closer to his children in London. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

SIDNEY COTSON



Sidney Cotson. scientist and academic administrator, died from cancer on July 8 aged 67. He was born on August 6, 1928.

SIDNEY COTSON played an important role in the development of polytechnics towards university status, being the only member of the polytechnic sector to serve on the University Grants Committee. He was born to Jewish

immigrants from Russia who settled in Leeds. It was there that he won a scholarship to a highly work-driven grammar school, going on from there to Leeds University where he look an honours degree in chemistry and did research for a doctorate.

In 1953 he spent a year as a Fulbright scholar at Columbia University in New York. While pursuing his profession as scientist he continued to develop his interest in classical music, particularly chamber music, and in the visual arts. On his return to England he took up a post at the Courtauld Institute of Biochemistry of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School. He then moved to the Borough Polytechnic (now the University of the South Bank), where he was head of the chemistry department and then assistant director in charge of science. In 1972 he was appointed deputy director of Leicester Polytechnic (now De Montfort University) where he stayed until his retirement in 1989.

He was early associated with the Council for National Academic Awards, the validating body for the new degree by their son.

courses in polytechnics, and chaired both committees which formed policies and boards which executed them. It was at the time of growing awareness of centres of excellence in the polytechnics and the inevitability of polytechnics becoming universities that he became a member of the Universities Grants Committee, 1983-88. This was a significant appointment, pre-saging the future unity of

higher education in Britain. Cotson was also a member of the Butler Commission of Education in Northern Ireland from 1989 to 1992, which he greatly enjoyed and for which, being neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant, he was probably ideally suited. He also worked with the British Council on the development of higher education in Hong Kong, China and

He was a highly effective chairman of committees, allowing wide discussion but curbing digression. His sense of humour and of the absurd provided him with protection in the more turgid aspects of the academic world. He was kind, gentle and generous to those who sought his help. A profound belief in education as a basis for the wellbeing of society and the individual permeated his work.

Cotson never failed to astonish his friends, even at the last when, having all his life been dismissed as possessing no voice, he learnt to sing Schubert's Winterreise.

He is survived by his wife Jane, an American sculptor whom he married in 1958, and

THE HON HUMPHREY FISHER

The Hon Humphrey Fisher, Head of BBC TV Science and Features. 1967-69, died on August 2 aged 72. He was born on August 23, 1923.

HUMPHREY FISHER, or "Huff" as he was affectionately known to his friends, was the fourth of the six sons of the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, but that never stopped him from having a beguiling twinkle in his eye. A very likeable and competent producer in BBC Television Outside

Broadcasts in the 1960s, his considerable, if untrained, in-

tellect made it possible for him always to achieve results of high distinction at the least possible cost to himself in terms of time and effort. Apart from breaking his

neck in a bicycle accident on Exmoor at the age of 17. family". Humphrey Richmond Fisher enjoyed a conventional clerical

upbringing: schooldays at Repton, where his father had been headmaster, followed by a wartime commission in the Royal Artillery. But he always gloried in his sense of being the black sheep of the

He possessed what might be called a relaxed attitude to his

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work - certainly lacking his father's stern sense of duty. One invention he would not have felt at home with in his BBC days was the mobile telephone, if only because it was his frequent custom to leave the office, when things were quiet, to go out on socalled "OB reces"

The importance of these was that he could not possibly be contacted when engaged upon them - and it was, no doubt, a coincidence that their location as often as not turned out to be some agreeable golf course.

But like his brothers - one a High Court judge, another a headmaster - Humphrey Fisher was a distinguished ornament of his profession. During his BBC career he produced many outstanding Outside Broadcasts, especially perhaps the series which he took on called Your Life In Their Hands (irreverently known to the young of its day as "Their Knife In Your Glands"). This series about surgery marked the first occasion on which live television cameras were allowed into the operating theatre, and did a great deal to calm the nerves

of patients who were facing



Archbishop Fisher with his wife and six sons in April 1945. Humphrey Fisher is on the far left.

When he decided in 1969 to leave the BBC in order to join the Australian Broadcasting Commission — in the mid-1960s he had been the BBC's representative in Australia it was very much a case of the

London in 1967 to be Head of Science and Features - a job that was gradually swallowed up into the general Features Group under Aubrey Singer (later to be Controller of BBC2). He, therefore, resolved ABC's gain and the BBC's to leave and accepted the offer loss. He had returned to of the post of director of TV

features for ABC. He was to spend the rest of his life in Australia,

He is survived by his wife Diana ("Bubbles"), herself a journalist and well-known Australian TV personality. They had married in 1959. there were no children.

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hospital treatment.

The Pope died of a heart attack tonight at his lakeside summer residence in Castelgandolfo. He was already confined to bed because of an acute recurrence of arthritis and as recently as Tuesday had been speaking openly of his impending end. Pope Paul VI would have been 81 next month. His troubled and crucial reign. in terms of the direction of modern Catholicism, had lasted 15 years. Vatican Radio broadcast an invitation in many languages to the faithful tonight to pray for the Pope's soul.

A Mass was immediately said in the church where the Pope himself had referred recently to his advancing age, and to the short time he felt he had left. Few Popes have been so prepared for death, having thought about it aloud and spoken about it with such frequency. Last autumn when he left the palace, which

is set in the Alban hills to the south of Rome, to come back to the Vatican, he said to the people gathered in the square: "Who knows if we hall see each other again next year."

Paul VI's reign was of historic importance, not least for such personal breaks with

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Giovanni Battista Montini, Pope Paul VI. maintained the traditional doctrines of the oman Catholic Church, in particular with his encyclical Humanae Vitae (1968). His successor, Albino Luciani, Pope John Paul I. reigned only a few months.

tradition as his journeys to all the world's continents. If he had done nothing more he would have been remembered for having travelled further than all his predecessors in office put together. He was faced with the huge, and generally thankless, task of giving a structure to the changes and the uncertainties introduced by the Second Vatican Council, the calling of which had been the work of his

immediate predecessor John XXIII. Following such an outstandingly popular Pope was in itself a burden for him, which he felt keenly from the moment of his election. Yet to the general public, which in the first

instance means the people of Rome - he was Pope because he was their Bishop, and not the other way about - it was not until he was around his 80th year that he managed to arouse the sort of warmth which his predecessor commanded as if by nature born to it.

And Rome, no doubt, will remember him most for his historic appearance in the Cathedral Church of St John Lateran for the memorial service held for Aldo Moro, the Italian Christian Democrat leader murdered by terrorists in May, who had for years been

his personal friend. The former Prime Minister's death had been a great shock. This was clear in his appeals to loro's captors before the murder occurred, but he never showed such depth of feeling as when he summoned up his energies at the memorial service and upbraided God for not having heard his prayers for Moro while repeating an earnest wish that the politician

In a sense Paul VI had made the most outstanding historical contribution to his times by opening the way for a successor at so complicated a moment in the affairs of the Church. When he was elected he was the obvious candidate among the cardinals for the papacy. He has left no clear successor. The business of finding one is expected to be long.

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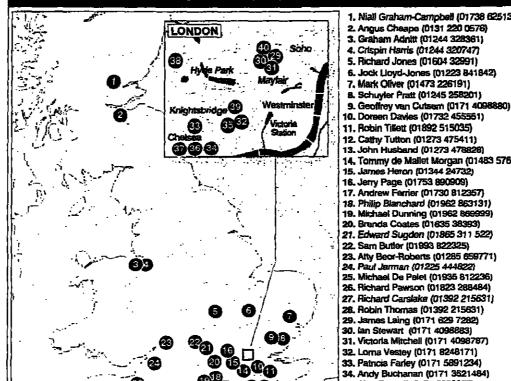
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Inevitably, the estate agents mentioned in this article are those handling more expensive property as they are the ones known to buying agents. Smaller, local



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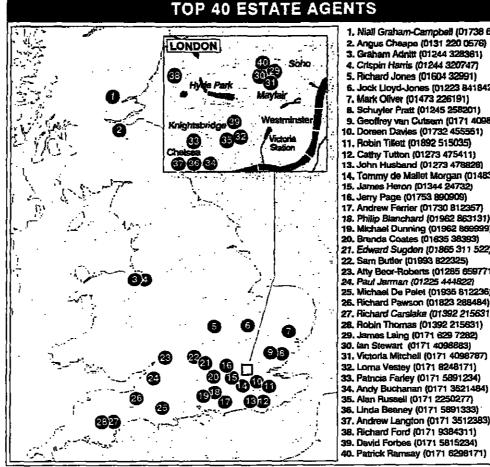
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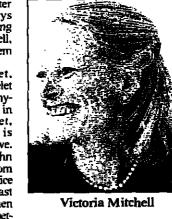
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Judges who say pre-publicity means prejudice should credit jurors with more sense, says Richard Stott

Contempt of juries is the real scandal

o it wasn't quite so scandal-ous after all. Nor was it outrageous, unfair and oppressive. Yet this bellicose view of a judge meant that Geoff Knights, lover of the EastEnders actress Gillian Taylforth, escaped prosecution for a particularly nasty attack on a minicab driver.

Judge Roger Sanders halted the case against Mr Knights before the jury was sworn in because of what he claimed was prejudicial press coverage of the incident. In words more at home in a tabloid paper - scandalous, etc - he referred eight newspapers to the Attorney-General for prosecution for contempt of court.

The judge made his decision to allow Mr Knights to go free after defence counsel had argued that the pre-trial publicity made it impossible for Mr Knights to receive a fair trial. a claim unaccountably backed by the prosecutor, who might have suggested that this was simply the defence employing an increasingly thread-bare tactic to get its client off without

a court hearing any evidence.
At the time, I described the judge's remarks as hysterical and was unsurprisingly taken to task by the broadsheet press, who have never let the truth get in the way of a bit of tabloidbashing. Actually, their remarks were worse than hysterical, they betrayed a contempt for the jury's ability to try a case fairly and accurately on the facts as presented in court. Judge Sanders can have little

faith in the jury system if he believes members are so gullible that they will be swayed by coverage months earlier. Indeed the gullible one here appears to be Judge Sanders, for Mr Knights and his legal team got exactly what they wanted, swaying a judge with the argument that newspaper coverage was contempt of court, a view which senior judges decided was without merit. No wonder Mr Knights left court beaming and announced how he had felt for O.J. Simpson.

The position of the Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, deserves scrutiny too. He decided to prosecute after the judge had drawn his attention to various newspaper reports. But if those reports were so outrageous, scandalous etc, why

didn't he act at the time?

He has a staff who monitor contempt of court and these stories were all over the tabloid front pages. Yet there was a deafening silence from Sir Nicholas, in contrast to his hawk-like vigilance over any unfortu-nate who might discuss the Maxwell

One TV documentary had to be cancelled after the Maxwell trial because of the possibility — not a certainty at the time, mind — that Kevin Maxwell could face further charges. It was Sir Nicholas who ordered the cancellation, but he was much less circumspect over his own musings on the Maxwell not-guilty verdicts. The morning after the

brothers were acquitted, he went on the Today programme and said he was looking at the possibility of fraud trials being removed from juries because of their complex nature. In other words the Attorney-General, knowing full well that Kevin Maxwell could face a second trial, was implying that he felt at least one brother should have been found guilty. After all, he didn't have to go on the Today programme and take clearly angled at the suggestion that the brothers had "got off".

udge Sanders should look at that case closely. Few defendants had more prolonged publicity than the Maxwell brothers, few families have been so vilified in recent times, yet Ian and Kevin were acquitted. This was a resounding triumph for the jury system - a case being decided by the facts as presented in court and by a searching and relentless cross-exami-nation of Kevin Maxwell. By all accounts from those who observed this case, the prosecution was plodding and Maxwell's performance in

the witness box was impressive. This was not good enough for some lawyers, including, apparently, the Attorney-General. Their problem is not contempt of court, but contempt

Now that really is scandalous. ■ The author is the former editor of Today



Gillian Taylforth: her lover Geoff Knights was allowed to go free

Auntie's class acts and sacred cows

A contemporary message from the Third Programme

7 hen did the moral decline of Britain begin? On October 1, 1957, when the BBC's Third Programme was cut from five to three hours a night. The cries of outrage detailed in Humphrey Carpenter's forthcoming history of the Third Programme and Radio 3 left me not knowing whether to laugh or cry. The Envy of the World, to be published by Weidenfeld on the fiftieth anniversary of the service, shows that nothing is as reliable as public fury over any change to BBC radio. The dialogue of 1957

would do for today.
"The BBC has begun to think in numbers. The disease is spreading from tele-vision to radio" (Labour MP Kenneth Robinson). "There seems to be a plan to pander to the more moronic elements in our society" rt.s. Elioù.

There were letters of protest to The Times, signed by luminaries domestic (such as Lord Bever-

dge and E.M. Forster) and foreign (Jean Cocteau and Albert Camus). Sound Broadcasting Defence Society formed

The result? The BBC's Director-General, Sir Ian Jacob, replied: "Why

won't you trust us? We are the people who have been entrusted with British broadcasting policy." His Chairman. Sir Alexander Cadogan, said the BBC could not "conduct its policy in the columns of the press". They went ahead with their plan.

It is impossible now to understand what all the fuss was about because it is so hard to realise today what the Third Programme meant for the nation's cultural diet. Its soared over the output of the other two BBC sound networks, Light and Home. Yet by 1957 the narrowness of the Third's audience was an embarrassment for the BBC. What set off the outcry was a plan to make the network accessible to a wider, younger audience. Sounds familiar? A new kind of programme every evening from 6pm to 8pm. under the less formidable name of Network 3, would appeal to those whose hobies were less intellectual.

The jazz-fancier or the pigeon fancier," speculated the Radio Times. I have to admit I laughed

more than I cried. This history is hilarious, thanks to Auntie Beeb's habit of writing everything down and keeping it. Beware BBC bureaucrais, as you shuffle job titles and move boundaries. The BBC Written Archives will preserve the minutes of all those bitchy committee meetings. The best laughs come

from the early days. Unscripted discussions were considered too casual, so in January 1948 when Russell and Bertrand Father Copleston, SJ, debated the ontological proofs for the existence of God, their impromptu words were recorded, then typed into a script which they read out. Programmes stopped short or overran with shameless indiffer ence to time. Much of the new music was utterly unappealing.

What emerges is the terrible reek of class. The Third Programme was launched with a condescending Fabi-

an paternalism. its imagined listener was a hard-working Labour-voting schoolmaster in Derby who was interested in foreign drama, new music, politics, dramatisation of Plato's Sympo-

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> hoped, would But of course he didn't. An early Third Controller, Harman Grisewood, believed Reith's idea of working men appreciating Beethoven, "was a lot of balls". He designed his output for highbrow to

speak unto highbrow. Criticism was early and inevitable. The Third was called intellectually pretentious and a waste of money. Only one listener in 100 tuned in. With hindsight, it gramme was one of Britain's big wrong turns. It was always too highbrow and disdainful. When the astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle first broadcast on cosmology, the BBC's science editor said he must not be used again because of his strong

Yorkshire accent. Had the network been made a university of the air, had it been pitched less towards the elite, had it been more tolerant of regional voices, it might have healed class differences more than accentuating them. Fifty years on, costing £56.5 million a year, it is still reaching only I per cent of listeners.

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weekend and is off on holiday. Morgan, meanwhile, has denied another rumour that he is to do a straight job swap with Martin Dunn, the Editor of the New York Daily News. "If I'm off to America that's the first I know about it," he told

But the troops sense that big changes are afoot in the wake of the Mirror's "Achtung! Surrender!" flasco. "It's like waiting for a Second World War bomb to go off," said one.

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"I have known and admired



Peter McKay: moving

Radio wars

THE publicity men at Richard Branson's Virgin Radio are beside themselves with glee over a scam played on their arch rivals at London's Capital Radio.

Daily Mail for many years,"

says McKay, for whom life is

but a bouncy castle. He insists

that the move is not for

financial reasons. "I don't

work for money. I merely

write to wear out my pencils."

Fed up with Capital's criticism of their operation, Virgin hit on the cunning plan of running a secret ad campaign Capital FM. After teaming up with the new soft drink Hype. they ran disguised teaser ads offering listeners the chance to take part in The Big Switch

— adding all would be revealed in London's Evening Standard last Thursday.

to be a letter from Branson telling listeners to change from Capital to Virgin. "It was such a brilliant idea," said one Virgin man, breathlessly. "And this is only the beginning."

The Big Switch turned out

Sadly, the joke fell a bit flat when the Standard accidentally faxed a proof of the ad to Capital and the campaign was pulled. But the boys at Virgin are far from daunted.

The ultimate sales kick

sport - the summer of the Test matches, Wimbledon, Lytham St Annes, the Olympic Games and Euro 96 (especially Euro 96) - has uncovered a new insight into the psyche of Britain of the 1990s. The men have gone football crazy.

Study any nation's newspa-

pers and they offer intriguing insights into the passions that stir their citizens. Study Coca-Cola. too. The world's sharpest marketeers sponsor the Olympic Games in the United States - but in Britain their cans still celebrate Euro 96. So, even as Fleet Street on Monday was mourning Britain's abject performance in Atlanta, its editors were inviting readers to enjoy the drama of another long winter of

With more than 15 million readers every day, both The Sun and the Daily Mirror devoted most of their front pages to the launch of special Monday football magazines - 32 pages in The Sun with Eric Cantona on the cover, 24 smaller but glossier and regionalised pages in the Mir-ror with Alan Shearer as the cover. The rest of The Sun's front page was devoted to a scoop reporting that Shearer will earn E2 million a year at Newcastle United. According

sales of the Mirror were up by more than 130,000. There were also separate Sport sections in the *Daily* Express, The Independent, The Guardian. The Daily Telegraph and The Times (which had an extra 12-page tabloid introducing another

to the Editor Piers Morgan,

PAPER ROUND Brian MacArthur

season of fantasy football). Even three or four years ago, all this editorial effort would have been unimaginable. Since then, the injection of cash into the Premiership from Sky Television and the building of all-seater stadiums have transformed the game's previously slightly tacky image. Soccer has almost become glamorous, with Shearer being transferred to Newcastle for a world record fee of £15 million and outstanding international stars lured to play in Britain.

Soccer has become a game that men can take their wives and children to watch, and star-studded matches have been spread through the week instead of being concentrated on Saturdays. With many big matches sold out before the season even starts, soccer attracts big armchair television audiences - who then want to read what their papers have to say next day. broadsheet editor, Euro 96

Even to the most sceptical was the final confirmation that soccer now sells newsnapers. Sales of The Sun leant hy up to 100,000 after England's succession of victories. On Mondays during the season, when it publishes Goals. its soccer pull-out, they are un to 200,000 higher than for the rest of the week.

Sclling at 10p on Mondays to exploit the summer of sport. sales of The Times hit new records, The Guardian says it sells an extra 8,000-9,000 on Fridays when it publishes the second of its two new Sport sections, and The Independent launched a new Wednesday Sport supplement in June. Only the Daily Star and the Daily Mail, the latter perhaps anxious not to offend its women readers or viewing soccer as a sport for yobs, have failed to join in. "Sport has never been the

Mail's strong point," says Ian Monk a former Mailman who is now deputy editor of the Daily Express, which launched its Monday Sport supplement in June.

lmost all editors now recognise the pulling power of sport. At The Daily Telegraph, Charles Moore says reader surveys show that sports bulls have an apparently insatiable appetite for sporting news; at the Daily Mirror, Morgan wishes there was a Premiership match every night; and at The Guardian Alan Rushridger has decided to continue publishing Friday Sport through the winter.

An even greater revelation about the games that British men play has been the success

360,000 signed on to play fantasy football with The Dailv Telegraph last season, another 240,000 played with The Times and more than 500,000 play Dream Team with The Sun. Even The Independent accepted the facts and started a fantasy football game last week.

Playing fantasy football demands effort. Money has to be spent to join, teams have to be selected, entry forms filled in and telephone hotlines rung. There are, however, big rewards - The Sun's top manager wins £100,000, with £50,000 for second place and £20,000 for third. The top prize from the Daily Mirror and The Times is £50,000 and there are weekly and monthly prizes. The games set readers against readers and some can also be played online.

Once hundreds of thousands of readers have signed up, however, it is editors who have won the biggest prize of modern marketing - all the contestants will be buying their papers for the next nine months. Ellis Watson, marketing director of The Sun and News of the World, is in no doubt about the power of football in selling newspapers. particularly to young readers. Sales rise when the season starts and fall when it ends, he says. Ask readers for the reasons why they buy The Sun and sport has never dropped out of the top three. One in three boys under the age of 16 have read The Sun at

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new" and "best ever" cam-

paigns, consumers have learnt to take most advertisements with a pinch of salt. But a wave of honesty appears to be sweeping across some areas of the industry. Holidaymakers reading the latest Thomson brochure, for example, will find a whole new degree of candour in the descriptions of

Thinking of visiting Montego Bay in Jamaica next year? "Be prepared for some aircraft noise," says Thomson. Why not try Turkey then? "The downside is that some places have grown so fast that maintenance has not kept pace." What about the Costa Brava? "Charm is not a word that

springs to mind," it says. Gloria Ward of Thomson accepts that providing customers with information not in the style of the usual sales pitch presupposes a high level of customer intelligence. "Twenty-five years ago consumerism did not exist and simply going abroad was often excitement enough. But now that people are better travelled they know what they want and are more

demanding." Stefano Hatfield, editor of Campaign magazine, agrees that consumers are now "more sophisticated and even cynical", but points out that "sometimes it is a last resort for advertisers when they've lost credibility. The most interesting one was the Tories' 'Yes it hurt. Yes it worked posters. It was brave but it backfired because people just remem-bered the 'Yes it hurt' bit."

The tobacco giant Philip Morris has just completed a similar but more hazardous strategy in the debate over health and passive smoking. Launched in early June, its "relative risk" adverts admit that "smoking is a risk factor for lung cancer and other diseases in smokers".

owever, the campaign goes on to argue that the dangers are less than the dangers associated with a variety of activities such as drinking milk or chlorinated water, or eating biscuits or pepper. "It is giving up a bit of ground in the debate to gain a lot more," says one strategist.

If you want to take on the health issue you have to take on lung cancer and so that's what we did," explains David Greenberg, Philip Morris vice-president for corporate affairs in Europe. Death Cigarettes, launched in the early 1990s, addressed the health issue. "They had some very clever lines but it sort of palled after a while because it was a one-off joke," said a tobacco

industry insider Mr Hatfield believes that marketing gimmickry is also behind the new TV and cinema commercials for the fizzy drink Sprite. "A soft drink is



Holidaymakers have to struggle to find a space for themselves and their umbrellas on Malia beach in Crete. Will travel brochures now describe exactly how crowded it is?

not a magic potion, a status symbol or a badge that says who I am. It will not make me popular." intones the voiceover before the slogan: "Image is nothing. Thirst is everything.

The health issue is one that has dogged the McDonald's hamburger chain and again the company has decided to confront it head on. "Obviously if you eat too much of anything it is bad for you and our new leaflet tells people what roles McDonald's can play in a balanced diet," says Veronica Foster.

Stefano Hatfield believes this approach can reap rewards in the long term: "It establishes a trust between the consumer and the marketer. People think 'I can trust Mc-Donald's when they say that their hamburgers are 100 per-cent pure beef because they are prepared to be honest in all these other respects'.

NBC sets an Olympic broadcast record

THERE IS little doubt about the most valuable gold medal at the Atlanta Olympics. It was won by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), the US

broadcaster of the Games. The American network spent £350 million for the exclusive American rights to the event. It seemed expensive but it has proved to be a bargain. Ratings were more than 25 per cent higher than in 1992. With advertising companies paying £480,000 for a 30second advertising spot during peak viewing time, NBC expects to have

made a profit of at least £50 million.

Advertisers are delighted with the coverage. Arnie Semsky of the BBDO agency, which represents such Olym-pic sponsors as Visa, Delta Airlines and Wrigley's Gum, says: "We could not be happier in terms of the ratings." He is not the only one.

Over the past fortnight, NBC has dominated the battle with rival tele-

John Goodbody on why television coverage of the Games did not quite qualify as sport

vision channels. During the first week of the Games, its total number of viewers was nearly four times higher than CBS, its nearest competitor. This was the week that attracted nearly 100 million people to watch the final of the women's gymnastics team event.

Although the competition did not

finish until midnight, a record audience for the Summer Olympics watched the gymnastics that evening. Among sports events, only the Super Bowl, which can top 120 million, has

regularly got larger audiences.
For NBC, it was the critical moment. When Kerri Strug landed her vault on her damaged foot, to help the United States to win the gold medal for the first time and simultaneously become

the heroine of the Games and the biggest talking point across the nation, only NBC could screen it.

SOME PEOPLE thought that the

decision by NBC to spend £2.6 billion to buy up six of the next seven Summer and Winter Olympics until 2008 might be ill-advised. After these Games, people were wondering what the price would have been if the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had delayed negotiations until these Games were

The way that NBC achieves such ratings is not to portray the Olympics purely as sport. It packages certain competitions almost as soap opera. Many events do not go out "live" as they do in Britain, but "plausibly" live, sometimes up to some hours after they have actually taken place.

Sport is interspersed not only with advertisements but also with biographies of personalities, preferably with a sentimental story to tell. There is the recovery from illness, the murder of the wrestling buddy for which a millionaire enthusiast has been charged, the death of the parent. Mark Phillips, an official with the US equestrian team, gives the opportunity of an appearance not just of his former wife, the Princess Royal, but also the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Dick Ebersol, the head of NBC sports, denies he is trying to run sports. He says: "I have it better. I get to arrange how all these things are perceived in the world."

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Mother aborts twin before ban

An unmarried mother has had one of a pair of healthy twins aborted, it was disclosed last night, hours after anti-abortion campaigners won an injunction to halt the operation.

It was unclear when the termination was carried out, but Lord Winston, the test-tube baby pioneer who is close to several people involved, said he believed it was several weeks ago. The campaigners were prepared to offer the woman £45,000 to persuade her to keep both babies

Rock from Mars offers signs of life

■ The first evidence of extra-terrestrial life may have been detected by scientists from the US space agency, Nasa. In a meteorite that orginated on Mars, they have found chemical evidence suggesting that simple forms of life must have existed on the planet at some time in the past Page 1

Plea to gendarme

The parents of murdered schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson urged the French police to redouble their efforts after DNA tests cleared the tramp who confessed to raping

Uister standoff

Northern Ireland faces the prospect of violent sectarian clashes this weekend after nationalists and Unionists failed to reach agreement over a loyalist parade in LondonderryPage l

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Postal union leaders came under pressure to mount a national ballot on an Acas peace plan after some workers rejected strike action and demanded a resolutionPage 2

Norfolk find

The remains of an early Roman fort built to impose order on Boudicca and the marauding Iceni has been discovered in Norfolk...

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A man who went to the defence of a pair of pot-bellied piglets he kept in his garden was kicked to death by a gang threatening to burn them alive.....Page 3

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The BBC leapt to Esther Rantzen's defence after she clashed on air with Dr Thomas Stuttaford. the Times columnist, over the illness known as MEPage 5

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A record number of parents are battling to win their children places at popular schools but more are being disappointed, Whitehall disclosed Page 6

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Even the Romans found Yorkshiremen difficult. Displaying that cussed independence of mind, they showed a marked reluctance to come to the imperial ..Page 7

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MI5 and the police are seeking fresh powers to intercept conversations on a new generation of encrypted mobile phones, used by terrorists and organised

Dole's gamble With Monday's call for huge tax cuts, Bob Dole has finally produced a genuine issue on which to

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Chechen rebels launched a daring counter-offensive against Russian forces in the breakaway republic, capturing parts of the capital, Grozny, and laying siege to two smaller towns Page 10

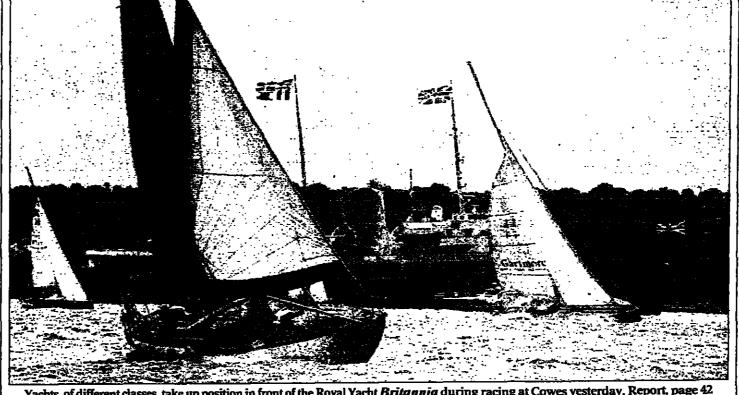
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Bob Dole's tax-cut plan is a politically bold if irresponsible ploy to resurrect his campaign. The 15 per cent across-the-board tax cut is big enough to win voters' attention and excite their greed. Mr Dole is hoping to put some spark in his campaign and cast President Clinton as a guardian of the Government programmes the Republicans have yet to dismantle

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London's Underground once set an example for the world; to regain that role, its management must have the freedom to initiate and innovate. That is why today's strikers must not prevail

Dole goes for growth

If Bob Dole can make a compelling case for the parallel reduction in both tax and spending, then his economic message may yet kickstart his stagnant presidential campaign ...

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Whether it is Newcastle Brown in North Shields or Chateau Talbot in Tynemouth, Geordies should be raising a glass this week to their renaissance and the rover's ... Page 15

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At the beginning of the Yugaslav crisis. President Tudjman was regarded as a slightly bizarre caricature, given to hysterical outbursts and enamoured of a curious Habsburgian and Titoist mixture of pomp. But this political fox has not only outmanoeuvred Milosevic and the Bosnian Muslim leadership, but has led the international community a merry dance Page 14

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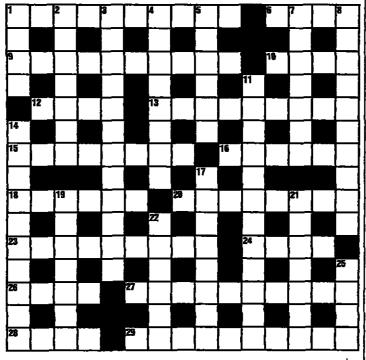
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- capital! (7). 8 Mineral water for Londoners (10). 11 All of a tingle, possibly, from such
- a beating (12). 14 Give rise to chap - that's not very
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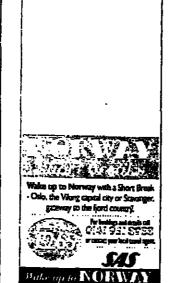
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rain, although it should slowly become direction the west. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be rather cloudy, perhaps with the odd spot of rain. The rest of Scotland will be grey and wet, but the heavier rain should peter out from the West, Most places will be cool and breezy.

☐ London, SE England, Central S England: mostly dry, bright or sunny spells developing. Wind west or moderate, occasionally fresh at first. Max 21C (70F).

☐ E Anglia, E Midlands, Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Central N England, SW Scotland, Glasgow: occasional rain dying out from the west and becoming brighter. Wind west or

erate. Max 18C (64F). ☐ Channel Isles, SW England, Wales: bright or sunny intervals, perhaps a light shower at first. Wind west light or moderate. Max 19C

Isle of Man, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: rather cloudy perhaps the odd spot of rain. Wind mainly northwesterly light. Max 17C

☐ E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: cloudy with rain slowly petering out. Wind mainly north or northwest fresh, locally strong at first. Cool. Max 15C (59F) NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: dull with patchy rain edging northwards. Wind mainly east mod-erate or fresh, Max 14C (57F). Outlook: rain, mainly in the North Sunny intervals mostly in the

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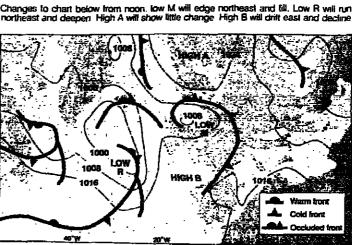
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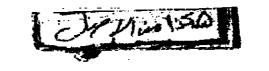
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Silence on

holder of

Pet City

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By JASON NISSE

GILES CLARKE, the founder of Pet City, the animal

superstores group, yesterday refused to disclose the identity

of the beneficial owner of a 12.8

per cent stake in the company

held in a trust administered by

a former associate of the late

The group announced that the holding has been trans-ferred from two Channel Is-

lands companies to a trust at

the Rothschild family bank in

Switzerland administered by

Werner Keicher, a solicitor

He was the trustee of the

Maxwell Foundation, which

was set up by the tycoon in

1970 as the holding company

for his assets and continued to

control the Maxwell publish-

ing empire until it collapsed a

month after M4r Maxwell's

of Swiss trusts that were

actively involved in supporting the share price of Maxwell

Communication Corporation

and Mirror Group Newspa-pers using money that had been taken from the Maxwell

companies' pension funds.

Mr Clarke said that Dr Keicher was not connected to

the beneficial owner of the

shares, who is a wealthy investor based outside the UK

who had not done business in

Mr Clarke said: This is

part of the tax and inheritance

management of the ultimate

beneficiaries. I doubt if he

knows who this Dr Keicher is.

He may be the only lawyer in

Mr Clarke said this individ-

ual was a friend and he saw no

reason to reveal his identity. Pet City shares were floated

on the Alternative Investment

Market earlier this year at

300p and, after racing up to

410p, have fallen back to 385p. investors. Page 24

Britain for 20 years.

Vaduz for all I know."

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customers to travel miles to

He continued: "It is time

Barclays started listening to

its staff and to what the

customer really wants, rather

than cutting jobs and

branches to up the share

Pennington, page 25

their nearest branch.

He also controlled a series

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Robert Maxwell.

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Hays abandons bid for Christian Salvesen

By Sarah Cunningham

HAYS, the husiness services group led by Ronnie Frost, has abandoned its pursuit of Christian Salvesen, the distribution company, after an improved bid worth £1.15 billion was rejected yesterday by the Salvesen board.

Hays had raised its bid to 17 new Hays shares plus £20.40 cash for every 24 Salvesen shares, worth 390p per Salvesen share.

Mr Frost said "compelling business and strategic logic is not a reason for overpaying," and said he did not want to make a hostile bid. An initial proposal, at 370p a share, was rejected by the Salvesen board last week.

Salvesen said it saw no compelling industrial logic in putting the two companies together and said the price offered was not high enough. The company said it is now looking at ways of improving shareholder value. These include asset realisation, restructuring of the group's balance sheet together with a possible re-turn of capital, and demerger options. Chris Masters, chief executive, said the board would have proposals to put to share-holders within the next

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few months. Key to Hays's defeat was the 38 per cent stake in Christian Salvesen held by about 200 members of the Salvesen family. They remained united in their opposition to any loss of the company's independence. Salvesen shares dropped 46 2p, to 304 2p. Hays shares closed up 3p.

at 435p. Hays had maintained that the value of the proposed offer represented a premium of 48 per cent over the average price of Christian Salvesen shares over the month before speculation about a possible offer.

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SHELL has agreed the sale of

part of the Shell Centre, its

landmark office complex on

the South Bank of the

Thames, to a private

Galliard Homes is to buy

the downstream building, a

ten-storey office block with a

basement and car parking near the Festival Hall. It

plans to convert the building

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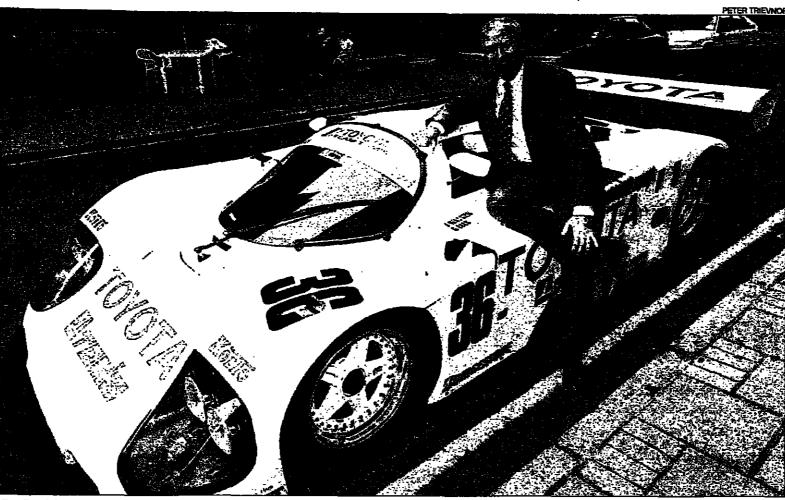
County Hall, Galliard is sell-

ing the remaining flats in its

redevelopment of the rear of

the former headquarters of

housebuilder



Profits drive: Bob Seelert, chief executive of Cordiant, the advertising group, with a Le Mans Toyota racing car. Cordiant made profits of £15.5 million before tax in the six months to end June, compared with losses of £29.6 million in the first half of the previous year Page 25, Tempus 26

Barclays surprises City with £470m buy-back

By Robert MILLER

BARCLAYS BANK caught the market on the hop by buying back £470 million of its own shares after announcing a 15 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to

It was the third share buyback, and the largest, in the past year and brings the total spent on the exercise to £960 Barclays purchased 55 mil-

lion shares at 855p yesterday. after a £306 million buy-back in February and £180 million

last August. Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays, which saw its operating profit jump 39 per cent to £1,2 billion, did not rule out the possibility of further buy-backs. Bank staff too will

benefit from the increase in

Housebuilder to buy part

of landmark Shell Centre

By Carl Mortished

The price is not being dislosed

by the parties, but property

industry rumour suggests a figure in excess of £20 million.

The building was marketed by Jones Lang Wootton and a

shortlist of four to five build-

ers, including Regalian Prop-

for comment on the deal or the

manner in which it financed

the purchase of the 265,000 sq

It is believed that the builder

has a partner. Galliard

teamed up with Frogmore

Estates, a quoted developer, in

Galliard was unavailable

erties, bid for the site.

had been set aside for profit sharing.

Barclays declared an interim dividend of 11.5p a share, compared with 9.5p in the same period last year, payable on October 3. Earnings per share rose 29 per cent to 55.3p, while operating expenses fell 2 per cent to £2.4 billion. Provisions for bad and doubtful debt were down 32 per cent to £148 million.

British personal banking made an operating profit of £363 million, compared with £351 million. Net interest income rose 4 per cent to £808 million, with higher levels of income derived from both savings and certain lending products. Commission income was up 3 per cent to £488 million, largely because of

profitability and Mr Taylor increased credit card turnover international and private officer at Bifu, the banking, said a "substantial amount" and transaction volumes at banking side of Barclays, op-

Annual sales of unit trust personal equity plans rose almost 60 per cent. Operating profits from the bank's business sector fell £7 million to

BZW, the investment banking arm of Barclays, chipped with a 23 per cent increase in operating profits to 23 per cent, based on significantly higher income from trading activities and fee-based

BZW boosted fees by partici-pating in a number of high-profile City deals in the six months to June 30, including Granada's takeover battle for

BZW Asset Management increased operating profits £5 million to £20 million. On the

and transaction volumes at banking side of Barclays, op- finance and insurance union, Barclaycard. banking profits were £129 mil- said: "Barclays has closed lion, compared with £97 million.

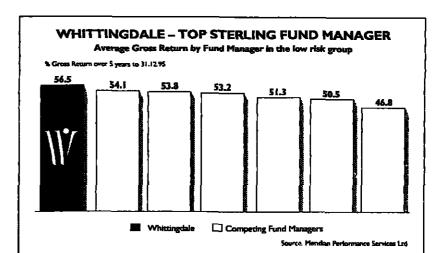
In mainland Europe a EI2 million loss this time last year was turned into a £20 million profit and in Africa the bank reported "strong performances" in Botswana, Kenya

and Zimbabwe. Commenting on the results. Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays, said: "We believe that the policies we have put in place over the past few years are now clearly showing their

worth. "They are intended to reduce the group's vulnerability to external shocks and to

provide a sustainable basis for the healthy development of our business. John Bancroft, a negotiating

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Court clears way for BCCI payout

BY ROBERT MILLER

A JUDGMENT in the High Hall buildings for E17.5 mil-lion. The Shell Centre was Court yesterday cleared the way for nearly 38,000 UK built in 1957 with a working creditors of the collapsed Bank capacity for 6,000 people. of Credit and Commerce Inter-However, its population peaked at 5,800 in the 1960s national (BCCI), which crashed in 1991 with debts of and since then staff in the \$10 billion, to receive their first long-awaited dividend pay-London headquarters have declined to current levels of

ment shortly. Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, gave directions that the release of funds from the \$1.55 billion paid over by the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi, BCCI's principal shareholder. was of "very considerable practical importance" to creditors. The compensation pay-

ments to some 250,000 BCCI

creditors worldwide have been held up over wrangles on whether the laws of Britain or Luxembourg, where BCCI was incorporated, should be applied in administering the payout. It is understood that Deloitte & Touche, the UK liquidators to BCCI, hope to make a first payment of ap-

proaching 20p in the pound. Deloitte & Touche said: "We welcome the clarification that the judgment has brought. English creditors will be afforded the right of set-off in the circumstances of an ancillary liquidation, and will not be prejudiced by Luxembourg

the purchase of the County The Hague last year. the Greater London Council. Hammering for fans with single share

Shell is vacating its chemi-

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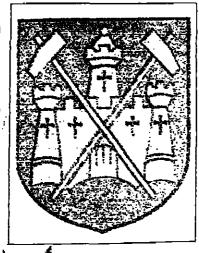
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The Anglo-Dutch oil giant

revealed big cuts in headquar-

ters staff in both London and



By JASON NISSE

WHILE most football clubs go out of their way to encourage fans to become involved in the club, West Ham United is attempting to stop supporters from buying shares in the com-

pany that owns if The board of the Premier League club, based in London's East End, is proposing at its annual shareholders meeting on August 22, that holders of the shares in the company, also called West Ham United, will not be able to

buy or sell in blocks of less than 100. As stockbroker Ellis & Partners was quoting a price of £200 a share a souvenir, with all the costs associatyesterday, a West Ham fan would have to pay £20,000 to buy a stake. "It report or inviting them to the AGM

is an absolute outrage," said one shareholder. "If West Ham shares were traded on any recognised exchange this would not be allowed." The resolution is expected to succeed as the board controls 90 per cent of the club's shares.

The proposal says that holders of blocks of less than 100 would only be able to transfer them en masse and then only to one new owner. Terence Brown. West Ham's chairman, said the idea was to stop fans from buying individual shares as mementos. "We don't want 10,000 people owning one share and sticking them on the wall as ed such as sending out an annual

where they would have to be

entertained. According to Mr Brown, who said West Ham has no plans to float on the stock market, there has been an increasing trade in people selling individual shares. This led to an apparent rise to over £500 in West Ham's share price - so valuing the club at £50 million — before the price

dropped back to current levels. West Ham has found 146 shareholders who have just one share each. Mr Brown said West Ham was a family club and did not want to disadvantage anyone. But the cost of administration was becoming a burden.

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Fraud cuts

profits at

Appleyard

Fraudulent accounting

and reduced margins at

Appleyard, the car dealer.

brought about a 7 per cent

fall to £4.6 million in first-

group has still to decide

whether to sue the audi-

tors who failed to pick up

the doctored results in 1994

and 1995. An interim dividend of 3.1p will be

Home growth

Ashbourne is to become

the UK's third largest nursing home operator after agreeing to buy nine homes for £14.1 million,

adding a further 487 beds to its 2,663. Its shares rose

MGF winner

Demand for Rover's new

MGF sports car has put

Mayflower, which makes its body shell, ahead of City expectations. First-half pre-tax profits in-

creased by 62 per cent to

£10.2 million. A dividend

of 0.75p (0.67p) will be paid on November 15.

Lauda Air, the Austrian

airline, yesterday reported increased pre-tax losses for

the first half of 165.6 mil-

lion schillings (£10.3 mil-lion), up from 74 million a year earlier.

Cisco Systems, the leading

group, is to buy Nashoba

Networks for shares worth

\$100 million for its

switching technology.

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2p to 140p yesterday.

paid on September 19.

half pre-tax profits. John Atkin, Appleyard's finance director, said the **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

NEW UK construction orders rose slightly in June, hinting at

some signs of life in the struggling sector. Total orders

reached £1.73 billion, boosted by a small number of large

infrastructure and private sector projects, according to

figures compiled by the Department of the Environment.
Orders for the three months to June 30 increased by 5 per cent

over the same period last year, although they fell by 2 per cent

on the previous quarter. Private housing orders in June fell to

UK leading indicators for July, published by the Office for

National Statistics yesterday, continue to paint a contradic-

tory picture of the outlook for the economy. The longer leading index rose to 96.7 from 95.7, the seventh consecutive

☐ New car registrations rose year on year by 17 per cent in July, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says.

Rental income aids CSC

A SHARP rise in rental income helped Capital Shopping Centres, the retail property company, to a 25 per cent increase in its interim pre-tax profit to £27.8 million. In the six months to

June 30, net property income rose 84 per cent to £38.2 million.

Stripping out the MetroCentre, which it bought in October last year, the increase was 43 per cent, to £29.7 million. The com-

pany is paying an interim dividend of 3.75p, up 7 per cent. CSC

estimates that its net asset value has risen 19p a share to 274p.

It boosted its valuation of its assets by 6 per cent, or £75 million.

COLIN ROSS-MUNRO, QC, for Titan International, an

American limited liability company, and a successor to an inter-

national money-circulation scheme to which people pay £3,000

to join and then persuade others to sign up, responded to fears

that the last people into the scheme would lose their money by

telling the High Court yesterday that "every year 800,000

people reach the age of 18 and could become a member. The DTI has applied to the courts to wind-up Titan International

and Titan International Incorporated. The hearing continues.

RJB mine closure threat

RJB, the coal company that bought British Coal's more lucrative mines, is today expected to close a Welsh colliery

with the loss of 200 jobs. RJB management will this morning

hold meetings with union leaders and the workforce at Point

of Ayr, a coastal mine near Prestatyn. But a reprieve for the

colliery, which has fallen short of production targets, is

Titan sets out case

Small rise in June

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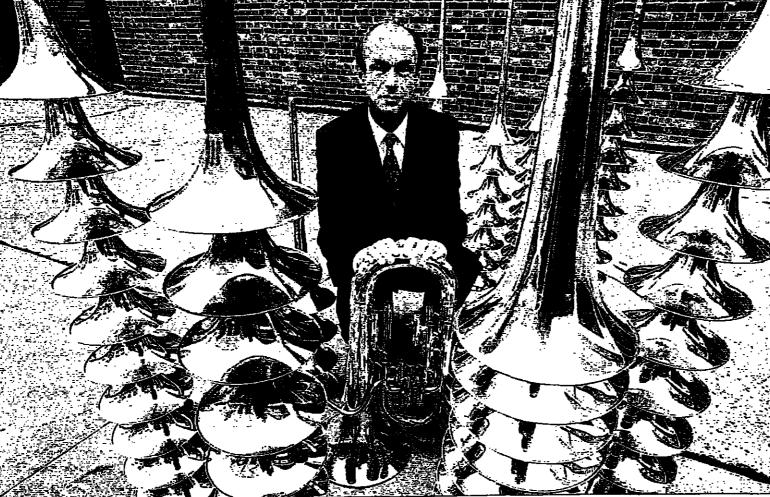


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Richard Holland, chief executive of Boosey and Hawkes, saw the company's shares rise 53p to close at 718p as analysts upgraded forecasts

SIB sets tougher rules for custody of assets

THE City's most senior watchdog yesterday unveiled new safeguards to protect more than £800 billion worth of assets held on behalf of investors.

In future, under the tough new rules on the custody of assets, published by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), investors who lose money through fraud or theft. or even straightforward carelessness, will now be covered by the official Investors Compensation Scheme.

According to the SIB, the top ten custodian banks in the United Kingdom between them hold domestic assets worth £700 billion.

Increasingly fund managers and others who look after investments have appointed third parties to look after the administration and paperwork. Until now, however, the safe custody of these investments and the related paperwork have not come directly under the umbrella of the

Financial Services Act. The new SIB custody standards, which were introduced partly in response to the Maxwell pension fund losses and more recently the £830 million Barings crash, set out in clear detail the responsibilities of custodians. In turn the fund managers who appoint third-party administrators

MEGGITT, the engineering

group, has outstripped tough

competition to win the multi-

million pound contract to pro-

vide 16,000 sets of body

armour to the Metropolitan

The deal, said to be worth at

least £4 million, comes after

two years of detailed design

work to come up with a safety

vest that will be worn by police

contract, but Meggitt's design

proved to be the lightest, most

Thirty companies bid for the

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across the UK.

will also be responsible for ensuring that the custodians are authorised to conduct such

Safe-deposit boxes containing so-called non-investments such as diamonds, cash, property deeds or gold will not be covered by the SIB rules. The SIB said yesterday that

there would also be "identification and periodic checking of customers' investments". The watchdog, which will have the new rules in place by early next year after an amendment to the Financial Services Act has been put through Parliament, said the standards had been "finetuned" to take account of the

By Morag Preston

comfortable, and safest. Made

from a composite material,

Meggitt refuses to disclose the

ingredient that makes the

armour both bullet and stab-

The vest, which weighs 4lbs,

will be available in more than

60 different sizes, to fit neatly

The armour fits both male and

female body shapes. Meggitt said: "It's just like buying an off-the-peg suit from M&S — you find the size that fits you."

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The current frontline watchdogs such as Imro (the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation) and the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) will ensure that members comply with the four

new custody standards. Some City fund managers have criticised the new standards as being another costly exercise in regulation. However, the watchdog said yester-day: "In the SIB's judgment, as these standards reflect existing good pratice, the additional costs of compliance are not likely to be significant."

Meggitt wins body armour battle

pany, has increased its turnover from £3 million to £350 million last year. The police contract will lead to extra staff up to 40 — being employed at its West Midlands factory in Dudley, Production will begin immediately. Eric Lewis, managing direc-

tor of Meggitt Aerospace Com-ponents, the sole UK supplier to the Ariane space pro-gramme, is confident that the company has found the "key"

began as a machine tool com-

hits right note in the City

By Alasdair Murray

BOOSEY and Hawkes, the musical instrument manufacturer, yesterday bought Rico International, a reed maker in the US, for £18 million.

The deal met with City approval and shares in the company rose 53p to close at 718p as analysts upgraded profit forecasts.

Rico, which is based in California, has about 75 per cent of the US and 50 per cent of the world reed market. It owns and operates its own cane plantations in France. Argentina and California. Last year, it reported profits of £1.72 million on turnover of Ell million.

Boosey said that the deal would be immediately earn-ings enhancing. Mr Richard Holland, chief executive, said the long-term aim was to expand Rico operations in Europe and the Far East using Boosey's existing distri-

Boosey is paying a cash sum for Rico, with the maximum price of £17.9 million dependent on Rico meeting a pre-tax profit target of £1.3 million for the year to the end of June. Boosey's gearing will rise to 40 per cent after the

Boosey is the third largest musical instrument maker in the world. It also has a strong music publishing arm. owning the rights to many twentieth century composers. Carl Fischer, the US publishing company, owns almost 50 per

Boosey buy

thought unlikely. Point of Ayr is one of the UK's oldest collieries and has been mining coal from beneath the Dee estuary for more than 130 years.

Bermo to open factory A HUNDRED more jobs will be created in Scotland's Silicon Glen when Bermo of the US opens a £4 million electronic components factory in Glenrothes, Fife. Bermo, which employs 350 in America, was attracted to Fife by Locate in Scotland, the inward investment agency. The new factory will open in January 1997 and the jobs will be created over the next two years. The factory, Bermo's first in Europe, is intended to meet growing demand from customers in Scotland, Ireland and elsewhere in Europe.

Benson losses grow

BENSON, the troubled specialist engineering group, reported a pre-tax loss of £4.94 million for the year ended May 31, compared to a loss of £391,000 the previous year. It will not pay any dividend — last year it paid only an interim of 0.12p. Turnover rose to £44.3 million, compared to £38.6 million in 1994-95. David Rhead, who became executive chairman at the end of last year, said that to try to return to profitability the company is to restructure into three divisions: environmental, metal pressings and other activities.

Learmonth reshuffle

LEARMONTH & BURCHETT, the USM-quoted information technology consultancy, vesterday replaced both its chief executive and chairman. John Bantleman resigned as chief executive, and will be succeeded by Michael Bennett, a former senior executive with Dell Computer, whose last job was as president of Summagraphics, a computer-aided design firm in Texas. Gerald Christopher will take over as chairman from Rainer Burchett, who will remain as a director. Learmonth & Burchett's shares fell 5p to 120p.

Molecular lessens loss

SHARES in Oxford Molecular rose by 14p, to 307p, after the pharmaceuticals software company reported a pre-tax loss of £950,000, or LSp a share, for the half year to June 30, against a loss of £2.1 million, or 4.2p a share, in the previous period. The company, floated two years ago, said the second-half outlook was "promising", with signs of success on new drug-design contracts. In spring, Oxford Molecular agreed a \$10 million collaborative research programme, its biggest, with Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical. Japan's third-largest drugs company.

Trust sells bank stake

FLEMING MERCANTILE, the investment trust, has sold its entire 7.8 per cent holding in Leopold Joseph to the directors of the private banking group. Robin Herbert, chairman of Leopold Joseph, and his family's interests brought 184,500 shares, to increase his shareholding to 18.95 per cent. Michael Quicke, chief executive, and Emanuel Davidson, also added to their stakes. Another 149,000 shares were bought by Leopold Joseph's employee benefit trust to satisfy future share option entitlements.

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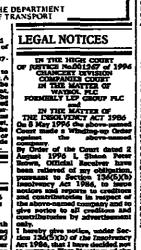
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Yorks Chemicals lifts profits 16%

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

EFFORTS by Yorkshire Chemicals to combat trading problems endemic in the chemicals industry showed signs of success yesterday when the Leeds group lifted interim pre-tax profits by lo

Against an industry beset with destocking and slim margins. Yorkshire amalgamated its European speciality divisions last year. This move produced savings of £1.3 million — higher than analysts had anticipated. Yorkshire turned in pre-tax

profits of £6.8 million compared with £5.9 million in the first half of 1995. Sales were 11.5 per cent ahead of the second half of last year and 0.8 per cent above those of the same period. Despite continued tough conditions in Amerand Australia the company said it was hopeful of second-half figures to match those of the first half. In the US sales fell to 4 per cent on the same period last year. The company blamed weak deand vigorous competition.

Yorkshire is in the final stages of expanding capacity and re-equiping parts of its business. In the first six months it spent £000,000 on expansion projects, while depreciation in the period amounted to £2.4 million.

The interim dividend, payable October 4, was lifted 5.45 per cent to 2.9p. The share price rose 27p to 275p.

Exxon's \$140m North Sea project approved by DTI

By Carl Mortished

EXXON Corporation. the world's largest oil company, has won approval from the Department of Trade and Industry for a \$140 million North Sea project.

The project will involve the development of two new satellite fields. Gannet E and Gannet F. with combined recoverable oil reserves of some 42 million barrels and a peak production rate of about 20.000 barrels a day.

Both fields are located about nine miles from the existing Gannet A platform and are host platform, said Exxon.

about five miles apart, Esso Exploration and Production, Exxon's UK affiliate, has a 50 per cent interest in the Gannet field area. Shell UK Exploration and Production has the other 50 per cent, and is operator of the field.

The development involves the use of an electrical submersible pump in a remote, subset production well in the Gannet E satellite field. Such pumps have been used before, but have not been installed and controlled so far from the



The Board of Management of Akzo Nobel N.V. - formerly Akzo N.V. - announces that on August 7, 1996, the results for the first half year of 1996 were published. Copies of this report may be obtained from the London Paying Agents:

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☐ Barclays closures seen as inevitable ☐ Caveat emptor the only rule ☐ Uncertainties for South West Water

☐ EMOTIONS will always run high when a bank closes a local branch, no matter how long since the account holders last walked through the door. This is why the main clearers tend to send separate messages to the

City and to outside observers. Barclays is the latest to show the benefits in profits terms of disposing of those chunks of the network the banks believe have been superseded by telephone banking. Yet to outsiders Barclays murmurs that closures so far have been limited to a few declining suburban branches, and no more are expected.

The City believes more will have to go, a point rubbed in by Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds TSB. More outspoken. as ever, than the rest, he kicked off the interim reporting season from the banks this year with a

warning to this effect.

The disappearance of so many branches across the nation is as sad, and as inevitable, as the closure of all those thousands of greengrocers, butchers and hardware stores put out of business by the grocery chains and DIY sheds. But the banks themselves clearly believe there is no profit to be derived from keeping them open. If one thought it could steal a march on its rivals by keeping its network intact, by poaching their account holders or ensuring greater loy-

Root of the branch problem

would promptly rebrand itself the Friendly Bank, or whatever other nonsense the marketing team came up with, and do so. Their duty to shareholders is

to shut where they can, and take the flak from unions and customers. They have no more moral duty to stay open than those small greengrocers should be forced to drive their families into penury by continuing to compete against J Sainsbury. Barclays has shut more than 500 branches over the past 15 years. The bank is more interested these days in its new online banking service via the Internet, however technophobes may shudder, and its communications satellite perched above the Indian Ocean. Operating profits from personal banking grew by just 3 per cent in the first half and contributed less than 30 per cent of all profits after bad debt, down 10 percentage points

since last time. The talk yes-

terday was more about the need

for the investment banking side,

BZW, to take risks than about the further closures. In the City, that

The banking sector is splitting down the middle, a point explicitly made by the former building societies such as the Halifax and the Alliance & Leicester who arrive next year. They want the stock market to recognise this with a distinction between themselves and the Lloyds TSB as retail banks offering a range of personal financial services and the truly international players such as HSBC, owner of the

Midland, and Barclays. These will always want a presence on the high street, but their smaller brethren will take an increasing share of the country's domestic banking needs.

Hammering home the old lesson

☐ YOU pay your money and you take your choice, whether you are investing in a company 40 per cent owned by one family shareholder or a football club that does not enjoy the facility of a stock market quote. This old lesson can be learnt yet again from the examples of Christian Salvesen and West Ham United.

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Salvesen is the more straight forward case, being covered by the full rigour of the listing rules. The company is 40 per cent owned by the Salvesen brood, the individual family members who are shareholders and have a say in the running of the company numbering 200 or more. This is an insuperable obstacle to any hostile bidder, as Ronnie

Frost of Hays Group has just discovered. Mr Frost harbours a strong desire to see the company he created in the FT-SE 100 index, and the purchase of Salvesen, the biggest and most obvious target in industrial services, should have done the trick. Hays's willingness to do a deal was forced out of the company a spread. Mr Frost had hoped to tempt away family members who had become disenchanted with the slow progress at Salvesen, whose management has had to contend with the dead hand of that family block hold-

ing in forcing the pace of change.
This would have been a sufficient springboard for a bid at 390p a share. But they are a clannish lot, the Salvesens, and the necessary minority support was not there. Hays withdrew, and the Salvesen share price plunged to E3. There is now pressure on the management to improve matters, by demerger or whatever, and their position will have been strengthened against the family. If further progress is blocked, institutional shareholders will vote with their feet, and

the shares will plunge. Now to West Ham. The football club is changing its articles of association to limit the number of fains who can be on the register at any given time. They will only be able to transfer their tiny holdings among themselves. For a quoted company it would be iniquitous and illegal. For clubs have never been amenable to the normal rules of investment, no matter what fortunes have been made on a handful.

Westward ho-hum for water bidders

 □ WESSEX and Severn Trent are both vying for the hand of South West Water. Yet SWW the £10.53 at which Southern trades on Scottish Power's bid, let alone Northumbrian's takeout. Water bids are not like other bids. No price is named until a compulsory inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and haggling with Ofwat. Things also have a way of going wrong for South West.

resterday, it faced county court charges that seek to blame an SWW treatment works for an outbreak of cryptosposidium that made 500 customers ill a year ago and led to thousands boiling water for four weeks. Severn Trent has just been fined £175.000 for killing 35,000 Welsh fish. But dead fish cannot sue. At SWW's request, the case

was adjourned until September 17. It should therefore make headlines just in time for the MMC report on both putative bids, which is due to go to the President of the Board of Trade on September 27. He will then decide if one or both suitors can negotiate customer price cuts with Ofwat and mount a real

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These permutations, including the court case and Ofwat's favours, which are unlikely to enbrace Severn Trent, make the outcome as uncertain as supplies have sometimes been. No wonder the City is cautious.

In to lunch

☐ THERE is never a shortage of silly and spurious surveys bemoaning one social evil or another. But the latest takes a serious matter and trivialises it. Too may people, it is claimed, eat lunch at their desks, or not at all. The "cost" to business — there is always a cost quoted, however daft the methodology used to calculate it - is £32 million. and there is the usual reference to people's sex lives suffering to catch the eye of the press. Many office staff are indeed working too hard, and many more are not working at all. It is the desire of the former not to slip into the latter category that keeps them

Agrochemicals help Zeneca's 21% advance

ZENECA, the pharmaceuti-cals and agricultural chemicals group, has reported sharply higher earnings but has given warning that the cost of launching new products will continue to put ressure on profit margins. The company also dismissed speculation that it is in merger talks and said that it intended to pursue an independent course. Sir David Barnes, the chief executive, said: "We have very strong organic growth prospects ahead of us ... All these

The outlook for profit margins and Sir David's insistence that no takoever deal is in prospect pushed Zeneca

merger rumours are irritat-

ing, at times verging on the

shares down by 20p, to £14.51. drugs, and a combination of Rumours of a takeover or a volume growth and price rises merger have sent the shares as against their low of E10.90. Zeneca reported pre-tax

profits of £610 million, or 42.9p a share, in the half year to June 30, up 21 per cent from the £506 million, or 35.8p a share, earned in the same period last year. Turnover rose by 16 per cent, to £2.94 billion. The interim dividend. due on November 7. rises by 11 per cent, to 12.5p.

The profits were at the top end of analysts' forecasts, which ranged from £575 millíon to £610 million. Sir David said that the

earnings increase was due to strong volume growth from both established and new

in the large agrochemoicals division. Operating profits from agrochemcicals cides, pesticides and fungi-- rose by 22 per cent, to £205 million, on sales of £1.02 billion, up by 17 per cent.

Agrochemicals are performing well because they have better scope for price increases. Profits from pharmaceuticals, by contrast, are almost entirely dependent on extra sales because of flat or declining health care budgets around the world. Zeneca was unable to raise its drug prices in any major market except Italy. In Japan, they fell by 11 per cent, including effects of

exchange rates. The development and launch costs of new products reduced operating profit margins in the pharmaceuticals division from 33.3 per cent to 31.7 per cent. John Mayo. the finance director, said that the forthcoming launches of products such as Accolate, an asthma treatment, and Kadian, an anti-cancer drug. would boost costs in the second half.

As a result, Mr Mayo expects the division to finish the year with a 30 per cent profit margin.

"We are happy to live with this temporary reduction in margin to ensure the quickest possible development, launch and roll-out of our new prod-

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Cordiant's £15.5m beats expectations

By Jason Nissé

CORDIANT, the advertising group in the process of hauling itself out of trouble, yesterday revealed it owns or leases 100,000 sq ft of office space it does not need.

The company set aside another £8.2 million of provisions to cover the cost of moving out of one floor of its New York office complex at 375 Hudson Street in its figures for the six months to the June 30. This comes on top of more than £120 million of provisions set aside to deal with the group's under-utilised and over-priced offices.

Bob Seelert, Cordiant's chief executive, said the main problems were to do with New York and the building at Berkeley Square in London's West End, occupied as the group's headquarters when Maurice Saatchi was chairman. He said most of what

could be sublet is being sublet, but some of the Berkeley Square offices were unusable. Cordiant has also had to

provide £8.3 million to end an overly generous pension scheme in the US, but received an exceptional profit of £17.5 million for the sale of Draft Direct, a direct selling These combined to leave

the group with pre-tax profits of £15.5 million, compared with a loss of £29.6 million, and above the City's expectation. Earnings per share were 2p (12.9p loss), and, although ere is no dividend, Mr Seelert promised one would be paid at the end of this year. Lorna Tilbian, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, the oker, is predicting profits of £41 million for the year.

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BP increases dividend 18%

By Carl Mortished

BRITISH Petroleum has raised its quarterly dividend 18 per cent to 5p per share after a record half year in which profits rose 23 per cent to £1.28 billion. Sir David Simon, chairman, said: "It is the fourth year in a rolling quarterly period that we have achieved continuous improvement. We have the option and resources of deliv-

ering sustained growth" BP's exploration and production business produced 5 per cent more oil and gas in the first half, with prices

averaging \$19 per barrel The results reflected \$300 million of performance improvements. John Browne, chief executive, said that BP had developments coming on stream in Britain and the Gulf of Mexico that would deliver a further 350,000 barrels per day, while new opportunities identified in Alaska, the Gulf

of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, West Africa and Australia could add a further 800,000 barrels. BP said that it had reached

its dividend target of paying

out 50 per cent of earnings price cycle. Second-quarter profit before exceptional items was £648 million, compared with £519 million in 1995. Better margins helped to raise half-year refining and marketing profits from £176 million to £365 million in the second half, but chemicals fell from

£502 million to £242 million. BP suffered a write-off of £50 million on the sale of an office building in Cleveland. Ohio. BP's net debt has fallen further to \$6.7 billion after a net cash inflow in the second quarter of £223 million.

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Millennium goes on the hunt for acquisitions

MILLENNIUM and Copthorne, the hotel company, a aid vesterday that it was cooking for acquisitions, al-though it would not be entering the bidding war for Forte assets being sold by Granada. Edouard Gremlich, chief executive, said that the company was actively looking at opportunities in the UK, con-

tinental Europe and North America. The company, which owns the Gloucester and Chelsea hotels in London. has £24 million in cash and access to credit to help to finance expansion. Millennium unveiled its first results since floating in April, with half-year profits

lion. Turnover rose II per cent to ES4 million, while yield per available room improved 10 per cent and room rates increased 12 per cent to £76.63. Mr Gremlich said that cur-rent trading was healthy, adding that the company's

rising 53 per cent to £15 mil-

performance in July was ahead of last year. The improvement followed

a strong trading performance from Millennium's London hotels, where occupancy rates averaged 78.9 per cent even though three of four hotels have been undergoing refurbishment. Occupancy rates in New York also improved to 75 per cent, But the performance in Europe continued to suffer. with the combined occupany level falling nearly 10 points

A dividend of 0.7p is payable on September 20.



By Sarah Cunningham

J SAINSBURY has spent \$62 further two million shares in Giant Food, bought from the er's late co-founder, Israel

The investment, which the companies said was to help with Israel Cohen's executors' tax-planning, revived speculation that Sainsbury has its eye on eventually taking full control of Giant

tent," one analyst said. Such a deal would cost Sainsbury, which bought its initial stake in 1994, well over £1 billion would not comment on its

The purchase of the nonvoting stock lifts Sainsbury's stake in the total equity of Giant Food from 16.7 per cent to 19.9 per cent. Its stake in the voting shares remains

November last year, transferred his 50 per cent holding in Giant Food to the 1224 Corporation. According to a statement from the executors yesterday, the corporation cannot sell its voting stock unless each holder of nonvoting stock is offered the same price. This means that any bidder for the company cannot take control by buy-

Sainsbury's

million (£39.7 million) on a estate of the US food retail-

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A spokeswoman for Sains bury said that the company plans

at 50 per cent. Mr Cohen, who died in

Edouard Gremlich, left, and David Cook, finance chief Rivals seek to reorganise Kepit

BY MARIANNE CURPHEN

PROPOSALS for a share buy-back in the ♠ Kleinwort European Privatisation Trust (Kepit) were suspended vesterday while the board considered bids from rival fund managers to reorganise the trust.

Shane Ross, chairman of the \$500 million trust's independent board, told an extraordinary meeting of shareholders that Kepit had received seven approaches to restructure the fund.

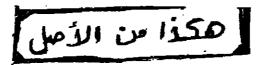
The EGM had originally been called to allow shareholders to approve the hourd's plans to buy-back 60 per cent of shares.

The buy-back scheme had been intended to reduce the discount at which the trust's shares had been trading since its launch in 1994. The decision to adjourn the EGM was a foregone conclusion because proxy votes from financial institution overwhelmingly backed the board's call for more time to consider its options.

Mr Ross's announcement prompted speculation that some of the City's biggest names are in discussions with Kepit. Those considered capable of reorganising a trust of Kepit's size include Fleming. Foreign & Colonial, Hoare Govett, Ivory & Sint: Fidelity, and M&G. Mercury AssoManagement already has an interest in European privatisation via the Mercury European Privatisation Investment Trust. Other interested parties might be Hermes Pensions Fund Management Ltd and the National Coal Board Pension Fund.

Fund managers have until August 19 to make restructuring proposals. The race to take control of Kepit was prompted by an announcement on July 31 by TR Euro-pean Growth Trust (Treg), which offered to liquidate Kepit. Kepit's managers, Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, responded with an offer to unitise the trust to eliminate the discount.





Index moves a fraction as traders become cautious

APART from a few pockets of interest equities remained subdued yesterday. The FT-SE 100 index finished 0.1 of a point above the previous day's closing at 3788.4.

Traders were extremely cau-tious ahead of tomorrow's Bank of England quarterly inflation report, which is expected to warn the Government against further rate cuts if it is to meet its inflation

target of 2.5 per cent or less.

Overall movement was dominated by the banking sector. Most major banks were either among the biggest gainers or biggest losers. Lloyds TSB and Bank of Scotland were among the top three of the FT-SE 100 movers and HSBC was in the bottom

Bardays easily saw the most action, rising by 3.25 per cent from 845p to 87212p. The group was also the most widely traded FT-SE 100 share, with a volume of 123 million changing hands, well ahead of the 17 million traded

The Barclays trading bonanza followed an announcement by the bank that it would buy back up to 55 million shares at 855p to "help shareholders cash in on a 15 per cent increase in half-year profits."

The £470 million buy-back and a 21 per cent increase in the interim dividend created an enthusiastic rally and BZW, who conducted the buyback, had filled their quota of 3.5 per cent of company shares by lunchtime.

Analysts said they were surprised by the market response to Barclays' move rather than by the cash-rich group's buy-back, the third in a year. A £180 million repurchase last August was followed by another of £306 million in February.

Yesterday's move, which rewards shareholders by increasing the value of the stock remaining in the market, came as the group announced it had made an interim profit of £1.3 billion. The pre-tax profit for the six months to June 30 compares with the £1.12 billion it made in the first half of 1995. Investors will receive a dividend of 11.5p a share, up from 9.5p. Earnings per share rose by 29 per cent

from 42.8p to 55.3p. Lloyds TSB and Bank of Scotland both benefited from the banking wave created by Barclays. Lloyds TSB rose 1012p to 352p and Bank of



Costain rose 4p despite Newbury bypass protests

Scotland was up 712p to 247p. The maior banking loser — at least on paper - was HSBC, whose shares rose strongly on Monday after better than expected interim profits. Largescale profit-taking yesterday reversed this trend, the shares

falling from 1,164p to 1,138p. The construction sector also came into focus. Hopes that a firm recovery is under way

per cent. Construction companies like Britannia. Crest and Higgs & Hill all remained unchanged, while Brandon Hire rose from 123p to 126. Market sentiment that a firm recovery is yet to arrive was supported by a Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors survey saying that secondquarter activity is down on the same period last year, but that

South West Water shares stayed subdued, at 710p, up lp. Dealers are monitoring a court case involving the utility company. It faces five charges of supplying water unfit for consumption. A total of 575 people are alleged to have suffered stomach upsets. Possible compensation is a worry.

were fuelled by new government figures that showed a rise in new orders for the second quarter. The Department of Employment expects a 5 per cent rise. Leading the trend are infrastructure orders, up 12 per cent. But analysts were not fully convinced, pointing to an opposite trend in the private housing sector, down 2 per cent, and in public sector projects, down 18

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most respondents expect a rise in workload in the coming

Meanwhile Costain, the battered construction company lead by Alan Lovell. came under renewed fire. Some 150 policemen had to protect Costain workers as they begun work on the disputed Newbury bypass. After convincing shareholders last month to back his rescue plan.

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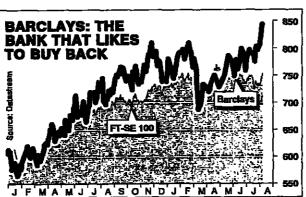
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Mr Lovell is now facing an equally angry mob of environmental protesters. The only good news for him yesterday was a slight share price rise from 68p to 72p.

Zeneca, the British drugs company, experienced some-thing close to a roller-coaster ride. After posting pre-tax profits of £610 million. up from £506 million, analysts were full of praise.

The drugs giant had come in at the top of their forecast range of £575 million to £610 million. "These are very good figures on the face of it," said one analyst.

The shares soon nose-dived, market-makers downgrading Zeneca because of the good results. "The results are so good that people think the company is so strong that a bid is unlikely," one analyst

British Petroleum pushed through the £6 mark after the group published second-quarter results that dealers called "very positive". Markets were particularly impressed with the dividend, rising from 4p to year-on-year. Analysts were preparing to raise their forecasts for the full year dividend from 19p to 19.5p. One analyst said: "It will be interesting to see if these figures reignite a little bit of interest from the US. BP is looking fairly valued against its US competitors."

Analysts were also very positve about Capital Shopping Centres, whose shares rose from 290p to 294p after the publication of interim figures. Alan Carter at BZW maintains a "buy" rating and will increase his forecast of net asset value from 286p a share

GILT-EDGED: The futures market was even more paralysed ahead of today's Bank of England inflation quarterly than the equities The Bank's analysis of price

pressures is likely to forestall hopes of another Treasury rate cut, although Kenneth yet force another one through. A general lack of domestic or international data also slowed trading down. The

September long gilt futures gained £432 to £108432.

NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street continued their post-rully retreat and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 19.97 points lower at 5,654.31.

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Spare Zeneca

Without continuous in-

vestment, there is no revenue

in a capital intensive indus-

try, like oil exploration.

Therefore, the key to better

profit margins is to invest

Unlike the old days where

capital was splattered over the globe, BP has been

making its divisions compete

for cash. The question facing

rival. Its product mix is too narrow and it looks too much like a conglomerate, they complain. There may be grounds for the first criticism, but the company's odd strategy of combining pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals is looking increasingly sound.

Zeneca is a "pharmaceuticals" company in which drugs account for less than half of the revenue. Agrochemicals (pesticides, herbicides and fungicides) and organic chemicals. such as biocides for swimming pools, provide the rest. The marriage is not devoid of synergy. Zeneca has found that it can employ the same boffins in white coats to concoct new herbicides and new medicines.

However, the real advantage of agrochemicals is the potential for price increases. In a

ZENECA'S critics would have the company throw in the towel and merge with a bigger world of tightening, even collapsing, health-care budgets, it has become almost impossible to raise pharmaceuticals prices in real terms. Some countries, notably Japan, insist on decreases each year. Agrochemicals have no such political pressures; the prices are those that the market will bear. Rising prices allowed Zeneca's agrochemicals division to achieve a 22 per cent rise in operating profits, against the drug portfolio's 12 per cent.

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True, agriculture is cyclical and subsidies to farmers can only go down, but these risks appear to be more than offset by the potential for price and volume growth. Population growth in developing nations means that crop yields need to rise dramatically if everyone is to be fed. Zeneca's agrochemicals business is set for strong long-term growth and the company should resist pressure to demerge.

the company now is what to do with the surplus. BP

could generate some £600

million next year after tax,

dividends and investment.

The company has plenty of

projects up its sleeve but with

finding and development costs of \$4-\$5 per barrel it

should not need to ratchet up

spending. A share buy-back

could be on the cards.

WHAT is BP to do with all its lovely money? In the bad old days of 1992, the answer would have been pay the bankers. Since then, BP has been paying off borrowings steadily and the net debt figure has more than halved. With a 17-18 per cent return on capital and earnings growing at more than 20 per cent per annum, it makes little sense for the oil company to degear its balance

sheet further. For investors, the exciting thing about BP is that the growth is being achieved without noticeable reductions in fixed costs. The City is too accustomed to the notion that greater efficiency is achieved by sacking middle management. BP has done its share of bloodletting and is finding ways of making more money by investing well.

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Boosey & Hawkes

IN THE sometimes staid world of classical music. Boosey & Hawkes offers some popular appeal, having outperformed the stock market by about 75 per cent since the beginning of 1995.

The instrument manufacturer and music publisher has struck the right chord in the City with consistent growth in profits. Music publishing has benefited from an EU directive that extends copyright life by 20 years, ensuring the company will continue to receive royalties from composers such as Rachmaninov. Delius and Elgar. The company is also embroiled in a £200 million battle over Disney's use of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring in the video edition of Fantasia. Any settlement would provide some welcome extra cash. The company also ex-

pects to receive a sales boost

as brass bands - and musi-

DOLLAR RATES

cal ensembles - cash in on the lottery. Rico International should

provide excellent synergies. The company makes the disposable reeds that enable clarinets and saxophones to sound. Boosey can market the product to existing customers, in Europe and the Far East while gaining from Rico's position in the US.

On a forward price earnings ratio of about 30 times. the shares are hardly cheap, and they are inclined to volatility due to the tight shareholding structure. But with ample room to expand, Boosey should be able to raise the tempo.

Cordiant

IT IS almost unbelievable Cordiant, née Saatchi & Saatchi, is doing exactly what it said it would do when it raised E126 million from the market in a rights issue last year. The advertising group, which in the past put new spin on the word troubled.

will make over £40 million in the full year and will pay a dividend for the first time in recent memory.

What's more, the Bates Agency has won enough business to make up for the loss of the Mars account which followed the departure of Maurice Saatchi as Cordiant's chairman. Saatchi & Saatchi agency is winning more creative awards and profit margins should be up to 6.7 per cent this year, with a target of more than 10 per cent by 1998.

So is there a catch? Revenue growth is unexciting, property is still a headache and the problems with the newly hired heir apparent of Saatchi & Saatchi US, show the company still has a problem with senior staff.

But well-run agencies can sustain growth in profits. Assuming Cordiant behaves itself, the shares, up lp to lip yesterday, are a medium-

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Lamb wants ComputerAge

HAPLESS Sunday Business is up for sale, and John Lamb, editor of ComputerAge, which slots inside the weekly, is negotiating to buy the IT section. Lamb, 44, former editor of Computer Week-ly, is selling his life insurance policies to pay for the section in Sunday Business that he edits. The agreement, that is being made through Royce Peeling Green, the accountanfirm acting as the administrator for Sunday Newspapers, will include the continued distribution of the IT supplement within the business weekly. Lamb says that he will continue to work from the newspaper's London offices, and is on the lookout for freelance writers.

Team effort

HOWARD DAVIES needed family help when he turned out for the Bank of England team this week. Suffering from a bad back, the Deputy Governor was unable to field or bowl for the Bank's team during Monday's cricket match against Fleet Street. Instead, Davies recruited his II-year-old son George, who proved to be a whiz as a fielder, but a notable flop at the crease. in spite of his injuries, Davies Snr scored the winning runs and secured of 173 runs for five. Unfor tunately, the Davies family couldn't stay for the celebratory dinner - they had to be back at home to meet munimy from work.



"In non-technical terms sir, it's money in the bank"

Sleek moggies

PAMELA TAYLOR, chief executive of the Water Companies Association, is making friends in the feline world. Fed-up with the bad press aimed at "fat cats". Taylor sent out a "sleek moggies" circular to those water supply companies that have always been in the private sector. in a bid to gauge salaries among senior manage-ment. Taylor, who says her own moggy (called Choopy after the Catalan slang for "vivacious") is "slim and small", was delighted with the results of the survey. The overwhelming response was between £60,000 and £120,000.

Given the bird

SHAME on those journalists who have agreed to ioin the shooting party from Scottish Life Interna-tional. So far, 24 hacks have accepted SLI's invitation to celebrate the Glorious Twelfth with a clay pigeon shoot and a slap-up lunch at The Royal Berkshire Club. Bird-loving readers will, of course, remember that SLI sent out 72 invitations to its first product launch and jamboree, each one enclosed with a racing pigeon.

A TIMELY reminder from Barclays arrives on my desk - "Make Temporary Staff An Asset". Among the tips "to make sure things run smoothly, Barclays counsels on how to "reduce the margin for error", "check your tax situation", and "watch your legal liabilities." All sound advice from the bank that has shed about 1,900 jobs this year.

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Rockwell's return from space includes a profitable landing

Giles Whittell on

the deal that will provide Boeing

with a vital stake

in the future of

space technology

onald Beall, chairman and CEO of tional, once had the last word in desk-top toys - he could point to his models of an Apollo command mod-ule, the space shuttle and the mighty B-1 bomber and say: My firm made all these."

A visitor to Beall's office last year noted that the models had been relegated to the top shelf of a bookcase; they may well be in storage now. Last week's purchase by Boeing of Rockwell's defence and space division ended an era of profit and renown, followed by a crushing downturn, that was remarkable even by the rollercoaster standards of the US aerospace industry.

As Nasa's top contractor for more than 30 years. Rockwell and its lab-coated technicians were synonymous in engineering circles with the prodigious know-how that put Americans on the Moon. Its blue logo is still almost as visible as Nasa's on shuttle launch pads. As builder of the B-1 Lancer, the free world's last dedicated nuclear bomber, the company had its own vast hangars within the controlled perimeter of Edwards Air Force Base, in the Mojave Desert.

Rockwell now makes most of its money by selling modems and vehicle parts. The glamour of fighting the Cold War has gone, but the company's deal with Boeing, valued at \$3.2 billion, is an important vindication of Mr Beall's approach to the agonies of defence conversion. Instead of turning swords directly into ploughshares he has sold off the company's cade spent quietly buying up profitable civilian ones - notably Allen Bradley, the industrial automation firm.

In MBA-speak, Beall has managed to diversify and reposition his company with virtually no net loss of revenue.

The deal also marks something of a new dawn for Boeing. The Seattle giant, sensing cluttered commercial aviation markets over the next 20 years, is looking for growth quite literally in outer space. In the meantime, it has promised Rockwell's employees that job losses will be "minimal".

Mr Beall called his big sale an historic step in the continuing transformation of Rockwell". His company has certainly survived by changing its spots. Formed in 1953 as a Midwest car components group, it did not move into aviation until 14 years later when it bought North American Aviation, which made the legendary Mustang fighter during the Second World War.

That merger proved in-spired. Joining the likes of Lockheed, Northrop and Mc-Donnell-Douglas in the Southem Californian sun, Rockwell was part of the extraordinary boom that transformed Los Angeles from a place of orange groves and film studios into an industrial megalopolis.

"Southern California is, in many respects, a creation of the Pentagon," Allen Scott of



The first Moon landing in 1969, with which Rockwell will be forever associated

the University of California said, as the defence crash began to bottom out two years ago. By taking on huge workforces at generous wages, the big contractors and their one major client - the US Government - had indirectly funded the building of entire suburbs, freeway systems and It was not by chance, nor for

love of surfing, that in 1961 half the world's Nobel prizewinners were living in Califorspacecraft and the space shuttle were the plum contracts offered by the US manned

space programme. From its headquarters in Seal Beach, 20 miles south of downtown LA, Rockwell won both of them. The B-1 project was no less prestigious and even more lucrative. Scrapped

by President Carter but resurrected by President Reagan, an order for 100 bombers at more than \$200 million apiece created some 55,000 jobs nationwide, 7,500 of them in Rockwell's own plants. Barely 1,500 Rockwell employees still work on the B-1, all of them in maintenance jobs. The company's long-term

strategy was already in place, however: three years earlier, it. had used \$1.6 billion of B-1 profits to acquire Allen Bradey, now a market leader in factory automation. Together with its former rival, Reliance Electric (bought last year for another \$1.6 billion), the two firms form the heart of Rockwell's thriving electronics division, which has nothing to do with defence, but brings in half the group's profits. Similar acquisitions in such

printing presses and fax moderns reduced Rockwell's dependence on Uncle Sam by arly half between 1985 and 1995. The company now produces 80 per cent of the world's fax modems and two thirds of the axles on which American road freight rides. In bald terms, \$4 billion-worth of government contracts have been replaced by \$4 billion-worth of

Mr Beall's far-sightedness d off last Thursday. When the sale to Boeing was announced, Rockwell stock surged by \$2.75, to \$55.25 per share, on the New York Stock Exchange, not least because with the group's space and defence division Boeing acquired \$2.2 billion of Rockwell debt, leaving Rockwell virtually debt-free.

varied fields as lorry axles,

same year. The field shrunk still further this year, with Northrop Grumman buying

> Who's next? Some Wall Street aerospace watchers think this may just be the start of a Boeing buying spree. "If they're laying the foundation for a space company, we're going to hear more from them," Byron Callan, of Merrill Lynch, predicted, hinting that Boeing might even be contemplating an eventual merger of space and

air transport.
Paul Binder, Boeing's head of public relations, dismissed talk of hypersonic passengercarrying space aircraft as pure fantasy. Still, his company must now think of something to keep busy the boffins who built the shuttle.



The Olympic factor on Wall Street

The Olympics are over and addicts can sleep again. US bond invesweeks and would no doubt like a rest too; but will the Olympics still disturb them? Indeed, may the echoes of the Games even affect the great economic marathon, and re-

A Boeing spokesman denied the loss had affected either the chances of winning gold? value of Rockwell's space divi-To decode these riddles, sion or the timing of the deal, which is expected to be com-pleted by mid-November. Most analysts agree that comthe marathon is simply the US expansion. This is already one of the longest on record and is promising to bining Boeing and Rockwell's space expertise is a case of one continue; and it is largely due to Mr Greenspan's steady and one equalling three. "Synergy is an overused word, but cheap as fiscal policy grev in this case it applies," accordtighter (mainly the result of defence cuts). This, in turn, ing to Bill Whitlow, of Pacific supported the bull market in common stocks, which has fuelled several years of in-

An example: Boeing currently has 15 orders worth \$100 million for satellite vestment-led growth. launches from marine plat-But Wall street could now forms that look like oil derpose one of two threats to a triumphant finish. It could ricks. So far the project is a joint venture with Ukraine, rise too high and crash, scaring the citizens of this using Russian rocket engines. mutual fund-holding de-Future launches could use Rockwell engines instead. mocracy; or the bond market's neurotic fear of growth The same sort of crosscould push long interest rates high enough to depress a crash, and abort what is

fertilisation should enhance Boeing's military aircraft operations, which include a role in the B-2 Stealth bomber programme. Rockwell has no still a modest housing recovery. shortage of experience with bombers. Whether the part-So far, all is well. The market looked at the latest nership produces bold new civilian initiatives from Boeing numbers, and especially at is another matter, though the July job creation figures, speculation is already rife that and decided that the Fed can booming airliner sales comafford to sit tight. Before the bined with a strengthened figures, 80 per cent believed defence division could iumpthat rates would rise. start work on a long-delayed Europeans may boggle at "super-jumbo" with room for the idea that an economy at least 550 passengers. Talks that has created a "mere" with Airbus on possible joint 193,000 extra jobs in a development of a super-jumbo month can be seen as grow

Boeing now hopes that ac-quiring the debt will prove a

small price to pay for suprem-acy in space. The company best-known for building civil-

ian airliners is also the leading

American contractor for the international space station — a

long-term project which the space shuttle, now maintained

by Boeing, was designed to help to build and supply. But Boeing's new subsidiary

has not had a perfect record in

space in recent weeks. Earlier this summer Rockwell lost out

to Lockbeed-Martin's un-

manned "flying wedge" in its bid for the coveted Nasa contract for the next phase of

development of a Reusable

Snace Vehicle (RSV) to replace

Crest Securities.

collapsed earlier this year. ing only moderately; but in a good month, the US does better than that. Result a if nothing else, the latest aerospace merger suggests that the industry has not yet poll on Wall Street this week showed that 75 per cent of shaken out all the slack left by nearly a decade of sweeping bond professionals now defence cuts. To survive and believe that the Fed will compete for ever fewer conleave well alone when it tracts, the big players have steadily shed staff (some meets later this month. Only a week ago, the same major-220,000 in California so far) ity believed rates would and joined forces; Hughes have to rise. Nothing, in fact, has yet disturbed the battle between Aircraft with the General Dvnamics missile division in Northrop with the big-endians and little-Grumman in 1994, Lockheed with Martin Marietta the

endians, or more accurately the half-full and half-empty schools of Wall Street economic tea-leaf reading. which has been reported in Westinghouse's defence divithese columns before. The sion and Lockheed Martin buying the Loral Corporation.

pessimists) point to low unemployment, ever higher consumer confidence, rising advertised vacancies over most of the country, strong service employment growth. and a rising leading indicator. The half-empties point to flat store sales and gently easing car and truck sales and forecast that the result will be an unplanned rise in inventories and a consequent cut in output.

They all use the same figures, but different adjectives: and now the market is reported to be watching tensely for the choice of adjectives in the Federal Reserve Tan Book (local Fed reports) out soon. Sentiment as volatile as

this can easily be upset again; and that is where the Olympics could come in. The optimists are currently arguing that the July figure is weaker than it looks, because the Olympics created a lot of temporary jobs that will drop out of future figures. True, undoubtedly: lp-wanted advertisements in the South Atlantic region. which for July meant Atlanta, shot up nearly 25 per cent in the month. But how many is "a lot"? No one really knows. More importantly. there were also special factors pointing the other way (as there always are): the Department of Labour said that its survey this year was taken unusually close to the July 4 holiday, so the figures

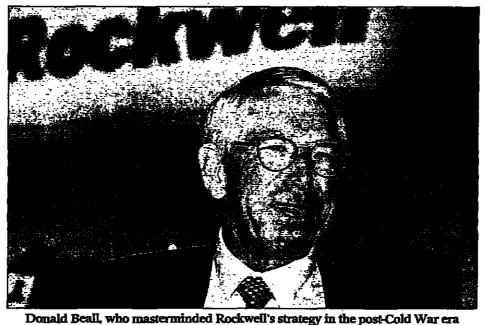
future shocks. Shocks are inevitable, anyway; for as Mr Greenspan explained in his Humphrey-Hawkins testimony the Fed is not just on engaged in a growth experiment. Prices remain subdued and US capacity is estimated to be growing 50 per cent faster than output, so he wants to know how fast the economy can be allowed to grow before con-

may be stronger than they look after all. Bear in mind

that this series is quite

volatile and prepare for

straints appear. Some Europeans, includ-ing our own Chancellor, are now gingerly trying to imitate Mr Greenspan: but his plan still promises a whole programme of frights for the bond market fogeys.



Building society conversions and free share bribes Government is selling off the

From Mr R. H. C. Palmer Sir, It may be "consumer" sense to accept a bribe for votes, it is certainly not "fair", as Mr Michael Hardern puts the case for building society conversions (Letters, August 1). The legislation intends that reserves, equal to around 7.5 per cent of members' savings investment, are to be transferred intact without payment to members. Members must then be required to subscribe to acquire plc shares.

Who can possibly imagine

that it is fair that members who are both savers and borrowers are enabled to duplicate on a simple and sepa-

Is it right and proper that borrowers are enabled to gain an unsubscribed share capital interest in their indebtedness of up to 500 per cent on £100 of outstanding balance owed?

Sir, I have removed a sum equal to the average price of almost three houses from one society in the conversion process, offering less than 5 per cent gross, to Nationwide offering 6 per cent on the same

I have nothing against borrowing members, but they are buying their houses with funds provided by investing members, that's the mutual part. I don't intend to fund free share bribes. Yours faithfully.

Richard H. C. Palmer, 26 Torvale Road, Wightwick.

Amstrad needs clear direction from board to exploit its skills

From Mr Edward Northcote Sir, Psion's withdrawal from talks with Amstrad is another

blow to the shareholders. The company has three important assets. The first is the services of Alan Sugar. who is an experienced, honest and very able businessman. But he is human, and his weaknesses have been more apparent than his strengths in recent years. The second is an enormous fund of goodwill (which, however, is declining)

among the many users of Amstrad computers and faxes. The third is a substantial cash

What we need is clear direction from the board to exploit these assets. It was a major misfortune that David Rogers did not last, so the board should first consider whether the job of chief executive can be done by anyone, or whether some other structure would be appropriate. In this context. I am not concerned

whether or not ACE is transferred to Betacom - what matters is how the business is managed.

For myself, I just do not

believe that a British company cannot make and market these ingenious electronic devices profitably. The Koreans think they can come here and do it. Yours faithfully. EDWARD NORTHCOTE. 38 Westmore Court, Carlton Drive,

nation's assets on the cheap

From Mr Michael Smith Sir, Yet again we read about

privatisation of former nationalised industries being undertaken on the cheap after Porterbrook was sold to its management for £15 million despite its current valuation of £95 million. (Rail sell-off may net director over £30m; The Times, August 2).
Surely what is inexcusable

- after a decade of selling off the nation's (read taxpayers) assets on the cheap - is for the Department of Transport to try to make us believe that the new value of Porterbrook is a "mark of success of the privatisation" rather than its inepti-

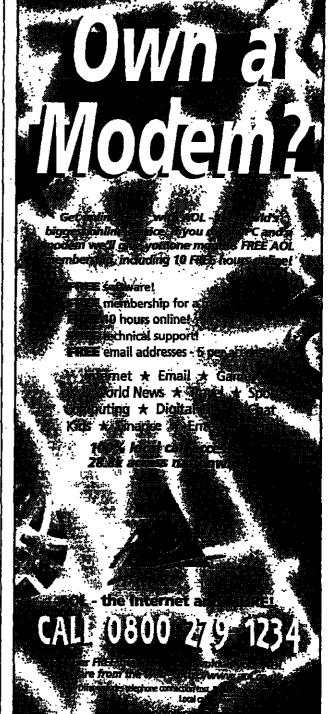
tude in privatising these companies at too low a value. If the Conservatives were an efficient company board of

Great Britain PLC, they would want to maximise financial gain from such privatisations and use it for political gain at the polls. Their ineptitude on both counts leaves me in little doubt that Mr Chairman Brian Mawhinney and his colleagues should be ousted from the UK's boardroom at the earliest opportunity. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SMITH, 37 High Oak Road, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Save on dealing costs

From Colin Stubley Sir, One way for aficionados of investment trusts to save dealing costs and put their holdings into nominee accounts is to open savings accounts with modest monthly investments in chosen trusts. Lump sums can then

be invested when market conditions are favourable. This practice eliminates the broker and qualifies the investor for Crest dealing (if that is what he wants) at a stroke. Yours faithfully, C. STUBLEY, 33 Hardy Street, Cottingham Road,



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The blockbuster Independence Day confirms that Jeff Goldblum is Hollywood's favourite scientist



VISUAL ART

The Guggenheim is full to bursting with 20th-century art, which is why it's now expanding into Spain





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The nine musicians of the Calcutta Drum Orchestra lack the brute power to tame the Albert Hall



■ TOMORROW

Independence Day: isn't the only film out this week. There's also The Secret of Roan Inish, John Sayles's latest

The very model of a modern museum

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum opened on New York's Fifth Avenue in 1959, and now it is full to bursting with art of this century. Despite extensions to the famous circular Frank Lloyd Wright building, and a new downtown space that opened in 1992, only 2 per cent of the collection is on show at any one time. Unable to expand on ei-

ther of the New York sites. the Guggenheim has plans for three new museums: in Massachusetts, on the Punta della Dogana in Venice and, opening next summer, in

Thomas Krens, director of the Guggenheim, sees museums of the next century rejecting the traditional model of an "encyclopaedia in a palace - an 18th-century idea in a 19th-century box. Put together the obsolescence of the encyclopaedia with the ability of people to travel and it suggests a new formula of decentralisation." Hence the attraction of

Bilbao, where the Basque authorities have put up the \$100 million building costs. Furthermore, in return for what the Guggenheim terms "a contribution to the museum" by the Basque government of \$15 million, the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao will be loaned works of art and provided with curatorial expertise from New York for an initial period of 75 years. A further \$15 million has been pledged by the Basque regional and state governments for buying new and specially commissioned works of art.

The architect selected for the new museum is Frank Gehry. "We stipulated that for the museum to be successful in the Basque Country it had to be the best in the world, with architectural flair." Krens says. Sited on a

The blueprint for tomorrow's

art gallery is now taking shape in Spain

bend of the Nervion River. close to the docks and partly underneath a motorway bridge, the building is of a design that is as much a jeu d'esprit as a home for art. Every exterior surface is curved, and the tiered, compartmentalised structure will eventually be clad

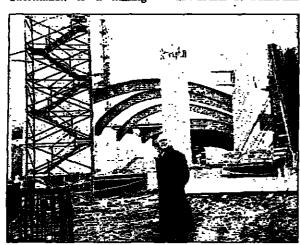
in shimmering titanium. The models for the building were Fritz Lang's film Metropolis and Brancusi's studio," Krens says. "All the rooms are of different sizes. The central atrium is the equivalent of a 17-storey building, with the soaring experience of a Gothic cathedral." The computer design system can digitally map the curved surfaces of a working model with extreme accuracy, and then transfer the

machine which carves an exact scale model out of plastic blocks.

Krens sees the Bilbao museum as concentrating on art of the Spanish-speaking world. "Spanish and South American art fits in well with our Hispanic audience in New York," he says. While Bilbao will have a permanent core collection ranging from Picasso and Braque to the present day, works will travel between the museums.

A recent call by the Basque National Party for Madrid to return Picasso's Guernica to the Basque Country that inspired the painting seems to have fallen on deaf ears. Even without one of the greatest icons of 20th-century art to pull in the crowds, though, the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao will offer what Krens calls "the overall visceral experience of art and architecture combined". It is a combination that has challenged Guggenheim cura-tors ever since Wright's building opened — and it is what museums of the 21st century are all about.

ISABEL CARLISLE



"It had to be the best in the world": Thomas Krens, director of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum

AN EXCLUSIVE TIMES COMPETITION

The Bunsen burner

in Britain, Joe Joseph talks to

ou only need to look Arnie Schwarzenegger or Sylvester Stallone to see that, as far as Hollywood is concerned, acting isn't exactly rocket science. Except in the case of Jeff Goldblum, where it often is.

When Hollywood is looking for a scientist, they think of Jeff Goldblum. When Hollywood is looking for a 6ft 4in quirky scientist, with eyes like a sleepy Bart Simpson, and a knack for declaiming lines of scientific hokum without drag-ging the whole film into a B-

movie quagmire, this scientist to know Goldblum

Independence Day. Goldblum played scientists in them all. He likes to

year-old client has vaulted into a category he's never been in before. The phone calls I get have changed overnight."
So was Goldblum drawn to these roles because he is

computer-literate himself? "I'm a computer idiot," he says, in that smiling, narroweyed way that makes computer idiocy sound like some really hard-to-get qualifica-tion. "I'm computer imbecilic. I try to know what I'm talking about, as much as I can.

"I played the guy who discovered DNA" — yup. Goldblum was also the scientist Jim Watson in the film The Double Helix -6 I'm very but I couldn't discover DNA.

Or tell you how he discovered it. really, in very much detail. But if I have to say something I get a couple of books knowledge that I know what I'm talking about.

That's the idea. And my dad was a doctor, so you know, I was not unfamiliar . . . he was delighted when we'd ask science questions and he'd draw diagrams of the stomach and intestines on his napkin and

"But early on I was more interested in piano, and painting and playing sports, than in science. And then more in acting and performing, than science. But recently, I've played these couple of scientist parts and my appetite for it is emerging. I read this Carl Sagan book recently and he makes science seem a human and passionate, even romantic, spiritual and sexy affair."

Goldblum never uses one adjective when four will do. and he is never less than disarmingly polite. Forget trowels. This man lays on charm with a shovel. He is one of very few men who can gush the words "delightful" or "delicious" in every third sentence and somehow avoid sounding like Barbara Cartland.

Geena Davis, his former wife, and Laura Dern, his Jurassic Park co-star and current partner, both fell for the Goldblum charm, the smokey stare, sharp clothes, self-deprecating humour. One female interviewer wrote that "meet-ing Jeff Goldblum I fully expected that my underwear would melt". True, this female was Paula Yates, before her underwear melted for Michael Hutchence. Still, you get the general drift. So what's it like

to be a big sex symbol? He gawps with mock em-barrassment: "Would you ever, could you ever consider yourself to be a sex symbol? Would you ever admit to anyone else - By the way, you know, I consider myself somewhat of a sex symbol? Would

you ever say that? "Look, I suppose that for somebody in the audience, somewhere, or for some circle of people, or some group of people, I don't know how large, somebody is going. Hey, nice . . . nice. I wouldn't mind having sex with him. or something like that. I don't know. I suppose I consider that could certainly happen. and it wouldn't displease me." We'll take that to mean he doesn't mind.

What about celebrity? Fun, Well? Yeah. It's pleasant. you know, people are familiar with you, and mostly happy to

thing, you can imagine, to restaurants where people There's nothing unpleasant about that. For the most part

it's delightful. "There's a hunger organisation in Los Angeles - money goes to hungry people in your local community — and I did a public service announcement for that, so the fact that I'm a celebrity allows me to be able to contribute in that way, and that, to be honest, is fun for me. It's kinda wonderful. That's the other part of it that's nice." Fame also lets him champion Bill Clinton for

ut he's not out raising hell with Hollyword's celeb crowd every night, oh no. You are more likely to find him playing the piano in his Hollywood Hills home. Or working out with his trainer. more out of professional duty than passion.

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"I'm very quict. I don't like to stay up late. I don't take drugs or anything, so I don't go to parties where they're taking drugs. It's kind of work for me to go to a premiere or something. I don't want to go are going to be taking my picture outside. I don't always feel camera-ready."

His biggest hobby, apart from playing the piano, seems to be teaching two acting classes a week at Playhouse West, "It's more than relaxing," he says, searching for four back-up adjectives. And giving something back makes it sound like it's a charity chore, or a spiritual exercise of some kind, and it's not that. It's like the most fun thing that I do, including acting - which has another kind of joy in it but this is a pure, fun thing. It's exciting. It's not fun like laying-around-the-pool fun. it's er ... fun. A part of myself that I enjoy comes out during class, and it educates me about

acting."
Talking about his teaching is as animated as he gets. Goldblum is a man who moves at 33rpm, never 78. His testures are slow, deliberate. So is his speech. His manager may think that his client's life has changed overnight, but Goldblum merely tries out this notion on his tongue, as though it's some exotic new

seasoning, before agreeing only that his life has changed "somewhat".

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Although always well-reviewed - remember him in The Big Chill, The Tall Guy, Silverado, Nashville, The Player, the Holsten Pils commercials? - he is probably still underrated: the industry press puts his fee for Independence Day at just \$1 million or so. Has he been getting better parts offered to him?

"Probably so, probably so," he says eventually, though you feel this is because he calculates that is the answer you want and, hey, why create waves? As far as he's concerned, he starts filming on Lost World. Spielberg's Jurassic Park sequel, in September, and that has been in his diary for months, so what's new? He would like to work with Scorsese, Coppola. To direct more. The usual.

Tive been very lucky, very grateful, that's the truth. My experience of it hasn't been that there was some event that marked a wild, or radical change, but you know, things are going nicely. And I'm enjoying it And I'm grateful."

As Independence Day arrives

Jeff Goldblum, its sexy scientist star

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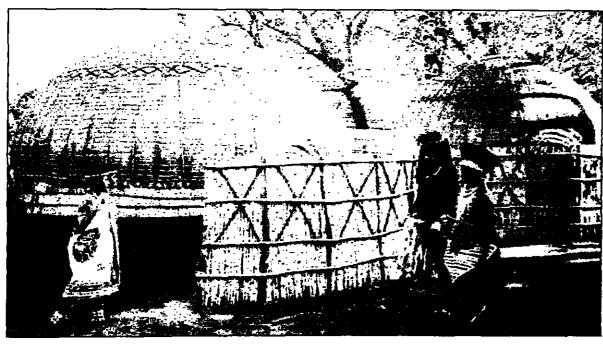
think of them as "cool" scientists, or "jazzy". And, of course. quirky, too. In Independence Day, which opens here this week, he is a computer geek who works out how to outwit alien invaders who have come to take over the planet. When it opened in America a month ago, the film took \$200 million in its first 20 days, breaking Jurassic Park's record.

When the world's two biggest-grossing films both star Goldblum — and both as a scientist - Hollywood executives do their own simultaneous equation and decide that Goldblum must now be hotter than nuclear fission. Goldblum's manager. Keith Addis, confirms that his 43-



Jeff Goldblum: for Hollywood executives, he must now be hotter than nuclear fission

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Right rhythm, wrong venue

THIRTY years ago the idea of an Indian percussion concert at the Proms would have appeared breathtakingly exotic. Now that subsequent generations have absorbed the innovations of Zakir Hussain and Ravi Shankar, a late-night concert by the Calcutta Drum Orchestra represented more than a surrender to the whims of political correctness.

Whether the Albert Hall formed the ideal environment in which to appreciate the intricacies of classical drumming was another matter. As the clock ticked towards midnight it grew harder to maintain concentration during the postinterval recital by the santoor virtuoso Shivkumar Sharma.

The very mention of a drum ensemble might have had some listeners relishing a spectacle on the lines of the Japanese Kodo Drummers. In fact Shankar

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Calcutta Drum Orchestra Albert Hall/Radio 3

Ghosh's group fell some way short of the conventional definition of an orchestra. With just nine musicians, the group lacked the power to tame this venue, even though the players' virtuosity created the illusion that at least double their number were on the stage.

The three minutely choreographed performances in their concise set developed a chain of precisely accented antiphonal patterns using resources as varied as the tabla, the barrel-drum and the julturang, a set of tuned water bowls,

The pentatonic pulse from the latter shifted the focus of the music further east. to the gamelan tradition of Indonesia.

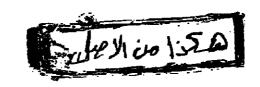
In the final piece the centre of gravity moved again when the clamour of traditional instruments was supplemented by the entry of a standard drum kit. As Ghosh calmly continued to signal the number of beats, the musicians attained a degree of exuberance not always associated with the north Indian classical tradition.

After that extrovert display a sense of anticlimax surrounded Sharma's ragbased improvisation, accompanied by the tabla of Anindo Chatterjee. The dulcimer-like santoor still lacks the dynamic range and rhythmic flexibility to make much impact outside a chamber

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As the world descends on Edinburgh for the fiftieth festival, Richard Morrison reviews its often turbulent past

The greatest talent show on Earth



ow different it all was - how pure. how noble - in 1947. "May 1 assure you," wrote Sir John Falconer, the Lord Provost, in the foreword to the first programme, "that this Festival is not a commercial undertaking in any way. It is an endeavour to provide a stimulus to the establishing of a new way of life centred round the arts. Edinburgh hopes that ... visitors [will] refresh their souls and reaffirm their belief in things other than material."

Not a commercial undertaking? A new way of life centred round the arts? Souls re-freshed? A belief in things other than material? If you survey the turbulent first halfcentury of the world's biggest cultural jamboree, now meticulously chronicled by Eileen Miller in The Edinburgh International Festival, 1947-1996 (Scolar Press), you return to Falconer's brave words with a sense of wonder.

How on earth could this high-minded undertaking have flourished in a city which seems to have begrudged its presence, its expenditure, its elitism and its cosmopolitanism? How did Falconer's ideals survive maulings by local councillors who regarded the whole parade as a "colossal squandering of public money" (to quote the most infamous attack, by Labour in 1977), or the supercilious sniping of many London critics, or the equally deplorable xeno-Scottish press?

Historical circumstances certainly favoured Edinburgh at the start. Famous European festivals, notably Bayreuth and Salzburg, were still in postwar disarray. Fine performers were available: indeed, many were desperate for work. And there was a tremendous feeling of cultural rebirth: the recognition of a need to reconstruct people's minds and sensibilities as well as

their homes and factories. That inaugural Edinburgh Festival had something else. too. Since Rudolf Bing, its first director, was primarily a classical music man, many of his top performers came from Germany, Austria and Italy. Thus the festival represented a burying of hatchets. Bruno Walter - a Jew who had fled Austria 12 years previously agreed to conduct the Vienna Philharmonic at Edinburgh. The festival, he said, was "a meeting of old friends who did not know if they were still friends - but they were".

hat 1947 festival banished austerity, at least temporarily. The castle was floodlit for four nights, despite fuel restrictions. The performances were exciting. The sun shone for three weeks. There was a fringe" from the beginning (six companies), a film festival (75 documentaries), a tattoo and no fewer than 275 journalists in attendance.

But seeds of future discord were sown as well. Immediately it was apparent that Edinburgh had no theatre large or well-equipped enough to do justice to big opera productions. In the 1950s, after the Hamburg Opera labelled the King's Theatre "the worst in the world", plans were floated to build a Festival Theatre. A mere 40 years later they came to fruition. In the interim there were a hundred stories of backstage recriminations, as one visiting company after another failed to squeeze quart-sized sets and orchestras into pint-sized theatres.

Other early criticisms have also echoed through the decades. There was "not enough drama", although some Old Vic productions were gloriously starry occasions. There was little contemporary music, al-though when Edinburgh did sample continental-style avant-garde music, with the premiere of an Iain Hamilton piece in 1959, it was greeted with almost total silence. And there was a bias against visual art; only in the early 1950s,



"An endeavour to provide a stimulus to the establishing of a new way of life": the inaugural Festival Council meeting, 1947



Robert Wilson's Dr Faustus Lights the Lights, 1993



Maria Callas as Amina in La Sonnambula, 1957



Ian McKellen: played Richard II and Edward II in 1969

with Ian Hunter's magnificent shows of Rembrandt, Cezanne, Gauguin. Renoir and Degas, did the festival take painting seriously.

Many natives also felt that there was "not enough Scottish culture". The nationalist complaints were understandable at the outset; after all. Edinburgh was initially set up and run like a small, distant

colony by a quintessential English squire in Glyndebourne. But it has persisted through the years like a stain and the tension between the international and the local aspirations of the festival remains uncomfortable to this

Yet the wealth of performing talent mustered in those early years takes the breath away.



Of course, there were far fewer festivals competing for top names then, and fees were correspondingly smaller. Even so, in 1951 the New York Philharmonic gave Edin-burgh no fewer than 14 concerts. Ferrier, Fonteyn, Robbins, Sutherland and Callas all appeared in the 1950s and when Callas failed to appear the 24-year-old Renata Scotto seized her chance of stardom. In 1962 Shostakovich heard 25 of his works at the festival. Marlene Dietrich played cabaret in 1964 and 1965, adored by the public and cursed by backstage staff.

Giulini was a regular; so was Karajan, although he didn't always enter into the festival spirit. When Lord Harewood, intent on scheduling more adventurous concerts, asked him whether the Berlin Philharmonic had any Schoenberg in its repertoire. Karajan replied: "I have never felt the necessity."

As the years passed, however, the deficits grew larger and the protests of anti-festival councillors, of all political colours, became more strident. When the festival was bailed out by an emergency grant in 1961, a Tory councillor demanded that the "arty crafty people" running it be "replaced by business and political leaders", and to an extent they were. In 1976 it was the Labour-run Lothian Regional Council that withdrew festival funding altogether, claiming outrage at a projected £234,000 deficit for Peter Diamand's "dream team" (Abbado, Berganzo, Domingo) Carmen.

Two other festival directors Robert Ponsonby and John Drummond - also resigned because of inadequate local funding. So, in the 1980s, the much-maligned Frank Dunlop tried a new tack. His populist and relatively inexpensive "world theatre" seasons may have incensed the music critics, but at least they put him on the same wavelength as the stridently antielitist Edinburgh District Council. Yet even he departed after a war of words with local



appearance of a nude at an avant-garde happening was denounced by the Lord Provost, no less, as a "squalid incident". Producer and model were prosecuted for indecency, but defended successfully by

Nicholas Fairbairn. Not long afterwards, a delegation of councillors felt the need to travel to Frankfurt to iudge for themselves how "offensive" three topless nuns were in a production of Pro-

Beyond the Fringe: Miller, Moore, Bennett, Cook, 1960 kofiev's The Fiery Angel that had been booked for Edinburgh. (The nuns passed muster.) Little wonder, then, that in 1964, when the artistic director Lord Harewood became entangled in messy divorce proceedings, he decided that he should tender his resignation. It was accepted.

Perhaps the most remarkable, and heartening, chapter in the Edinburgh story is the most recent. During the 1990s, while other British cultural institutions have struggled to survive, Edinburgh has experienced a glorious rebirth. To put it all down to the tacitum

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word-of-mouth or hit-and-

miss, Theatre Club mem-

but visionary Brian McMaster would not be entirely just. The crucial conversion of the old Empire bingo hall into a magnificent Festival Theatre was planned in Dunlop's era. But McMaster has revealed

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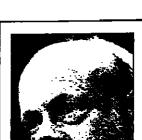
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Grace, The Latchmere, 503 Batterse Park Road, SW11 (0171-223 3549). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Aug 9, 10 (7pm, in a double bill with 7he Real ector Hound) and 12 ELSEWHERE

EDINIBURIGH: Traverse Theatre presents the second of two productions on the ever of the Festival, Shinling Souts, a new play by the excellent Chris Hannan, Alson Peebles plays e bride in two minds about her man, and putting her lasth in the Tarot cerds. Last production here by lan Brown, the outgoing Artistic Director Traverse, Cambridge Street (0131-228 1404). Previews tonight, 7pm. Opens Aug 8, 2pm. For lurither performances, contact the box office

GLASGOW Ole Schmidt conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Scotlan in their annual summer concert. The programme includes Elgar's in the South, Strauss's Four Last Songs and

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Bartolcan, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638
8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm,
mat Thurs, 2pm. In rep 6

THE LIGHTS: Howard Korder's charms of a journey through the New York nightmare, Ends with the cast attacking the theatre, fittingly, because at the end of the run the interior will be

rebult Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until August 31. □ A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC: Degant and successful production by Sean Matrias of Sondherm's Swedish charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, San Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shinting in the night. Matiental (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Aug 31, 7.15pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2pm, in rep. (5)

PORTSMOUTH: Apollo Theatre presents Joe Onton's breekneck farce What the Butter Saw John Offord directs a combination of classic situation comedy, acrd dialogue and notous tun New Theatre Royal, Guidhell Walk (01705 649 000), Tonight-Fr. 8cm.

SNAPE. The Gothersburg Symphonic Wind Ensemble performs trusic by August Söderman, Hobst and Eiger. They are puried by Goran Marcusson, who performs Chammade's Contestind for solo flute, and by Gothersburg Opera's Carolina Sandgren, who sings Swedsh lolk sones and favourite. Swedish lolk songs and favourite operatic arias. Philip Sparke's suite for wind band, The Year of the Dragon, provides a resounding finale. The conductor is Jeiker Johansson. Snape Meltinos Concert Half. Snape Maitings Concert Hail, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (01728 453 543). Tonight, 7 30pm

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☐ NORTHANGER ABBEY, Serah Jane Holm plays Jane Austen's young fan of the Gottne shock-horror romance, Matthew Francis directs a pleasing adeptation Greenwirtch, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-588 7755), Mon-Sat, 7 45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm, Until August 17. [5]

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sea (0171-352 5096) Warner THE GODFATHER (18), Part one of Francis Ford Coppola's 1972 classic, thilling portrait of a Mailla ternity. With

r Brando and Al Pacho. res (0171-351 3742) THE GODFATHER PART & (18): Majestic sequel to Coppola's Mafia epic, first released in 1974, With Al Pacino

and Robert De Niro Lumiere (0171-836 0691) ◆ KINGPIN (12): Unturny comedy about husters on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quard, BM Murray, Directors, Peter and Bobby Fairely ABC Painton Street (0171 +930 0631)

Odeons Mezzanine (5) (01426 915683 Virgin Fultum Hond (0171-370 2636) ◆ MOONLIGHT AND VALENTING [15] Wildow finds comfort with larrely, nds and a blond house painte Decent romantic drame, with Eizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi

Warner (5) (0171-437 4343) ◆ MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND (UI) Kernnt and Miss Piggy invade

nson's classic. Jolly addition t the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry. Watermans (0181-568 1175)

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◆ THE ROCK (18): Beligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nocolas Cage, Seen Connery and Ed Harris, Clapharm Picture House (U171-498 3323) MGM Balter Shoet (U171-935 9772) Odeoms: Kenstington (U1425 4784) 4787 914656) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) West End (01426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 828 990) Virgins: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Fullnam Road (0171-370 2636)

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Jonathan Morris stars in a rare London showing of The Fantasticks VENUE: Tonight at the

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Picker's peck of peppers

Emmeline Santa Fe

confused, sensitive individual. accused of transgressing cultural norms under circumstances murky with psychosexual undertones, is condemned and cast out by a grimly moralistic small town society. A promising scenario for an opera debut, perhaps? At any rate, it worked for Benjamin Britten, and now the American composer Tobias Picker has written a sensational, satisfying first opera based upon dramatic materials of a distinctly Grimesian mould. Emmeline, in its world premiere at the Santa Fe Opera is one of the most successful American operas in

The story, based on Judith Rossner's bestselling novelisation of a true-life tragedy in 19th-century Massachusetts, presents the Oedipus legend from Jocasta's point of view. Emmeline Mosher, just 13 years old, is sent by her impoverished parents to work in a textile mill. There she is seduced by the mill owner's son-in-law and becomes pregnant. Emmeline's baby is taken from her at its birth, and she retires into guilt-ridden seclusion.

Twenty years later, a virile young roamer comes to town and lodges with the Moshers. Emmeline falls violently in love with him and, ignoring her family's protests, they marry. (At the wedding, the chorus of town's women cluck Never last, never last," Then. with a devastating irony, reminiscent of the recognition scene in Strauss's Elektra, it is revealed that Emmeline's bridegroom is her own lost child. Her fall is utter: the townspeople revile her, her family abandons her.

drollery

Picker's musical idiom is mercifully unrevolutionary, but neither is it reactionary. Inevitably, the score will be

LONG and spontaneous applause,

loud enough to rival Jove's thunder-

bolts themselves, roared from the Proms audience as Jupiter, in quieter

Arcadian mood, sang his final note of

Where er you walk. Timothy Robin-

son's performance, fanned by the soft

breezes of syncopation and ornamen-

Semele had been keenly whetted: by

Rene Jacobs's Handel a day or so

earlier and, for some in the audience.

by memories of William Christie's

recent conducting of the composer's

This was the first visit to the Proms

by Christie and his Les Arts Floris-

sants. They brought with them a

concert performance (true to the

opera's original, without any "fine

machinery") of Robert Carsen's production fresh from Aix-en-Provence.

due to arrive at English National

And London's appetite for this

tation, was indeed exceptional.

Theodora at Glyndebourne.

Opera before long.

labelled "Neo-Romantic", the term now used for any music best of him, but he never drops that makes concessions to the musical thread, and melody and the limitations of throughout the piece he sets the human voice. Picker poshis scenes with live composisesses a distinctively Ameritional virtuosity. Picker's palcan voice, at some moment ette vibrates with wit, pathos recalling Copland's moody, and power, ranging from a folkish sentimentality and at berserk solo cello to represent others Bernstein's bittersweet doomed erotic tension, to powerful, unapologetic dissonance

But his style is original: the at the catastrophe. listener does not come away Emmeline never makes mufrom Emmeline with the imsical reference to Britten, expression that he has glued cept, fortuitously, in the together a hotchpotch of snipcontinual repetition of a minor triadic motif setting the pro-tagonist's name (which indeed pets. What quotation there is serves a function: a hoedown fiddle establishes time and almost rhymes with Peter place, a Lutheran hymn sets Grimes). And, while Picker's the chorus's moral tone. There opera does not approach the are passages where Picker's majestic power of Grimes, it musical invention fails him. draws upon American literary

and others where it gets the tradition in much the same way that Britten's opera did the British. In its astringent puncturing

Emmeline (Patricia Racette) unknowingly marries her son (Curt Peterson) in Tobias Picker's brilliant debut opera

of the hypocrisy of the guardpublic morality. Emmeline can lay claim to an honourable place in a core tradition of American literature and lyric drama, a line that commences with Nathanial Hawthorne and Mark Twain and arches forward to Sinclair Lewis and Carlisle

Floyd's Susannah. The libretto, by the American poet J.D. McClatchy, bristles with clichés. (The best Emmeline's seducer can come up with is "my wife as cold as stone"), but at least has the virtue of being clear and singable Francesca 7ambello's production propelled the narrative with elegance. Patricia Racette was deeply affecting in the main part. although by evening's end her intonation had become more than a little erratic. Tenor Curt

Peterson made a vivid impression as her husband-son, looking and sounding as though he might, with a bit of season. ing, make a fine Billy Budd. The scrappy yet spirited Santa Fe Orchestra was led decisiveby George Manahan Manahan was recently ap-

pointed music director of the New York City Opera, which raises the hope that Emmeline may find a robust afterlife. beginning at Lincoln Centre.

JAMIE JAMES

A triumph at the Proms, by Jove

staging, if truth be told, thanks to the graphic orchestral

Semele Albert Hall/Radio 3

playing and the heightened bodylanguage of the singers. No sooner had the flames risen

from the temple of Juno in the flickering and asymmetrical figuration of Handel's overture, than Love, too, lit his torch in the voice of Rosemary Joshua. Her soprano, bright and agile as ever, is developing a new depth and sheen. It purred through the languid lines of her sleep" aria, warmed by the mellifluing of chamber or-

gan and lute, and sprinted into coloratura ecstasy as she gazed into the mirror that was to cause her downfall - but not before even wilder, longer

applause from the Prommers. They had been wooed rather more rudely by Juno and Iris, plotting to reinstate themselves where the mere mortal Semele had dared to tread. Kathleen Kuhlmann, in iridescent scarlet as Juno, and Janis Kelly in Irisblue had found double entendres aplenty in Congreye's verse.

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The hyper-intense behaviour of Semele's sister, Ino (the Swedish mezzo-soprano Charlotte Hellekant) was less easy to take. Being in unrequited love with her sister's mortal fiancé Athamas (counter-tenor Michael Chance in fine form) could not have been much fun, but Hellekant's exaggerated phrasing and over-deliberate enunciation became more risible than her music intended

Not so Willard White, a splendidly languorous bass Somnus, who as the god of sleep ensured, with Christie's excellent chorus, that every eye and ear but his own remained wide open throughout this four-hour evening.

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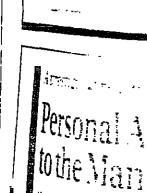
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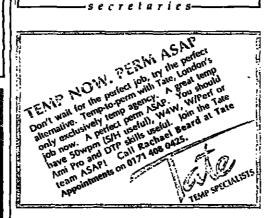
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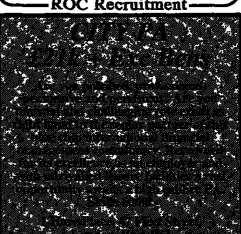


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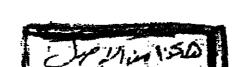
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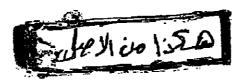
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More secretaries are improving their opportunities through on-job training — but it is still important to network, says Jennai Cox

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tary is expected to bear new responsibilities - but as the job becomes more managerial and technology more complex, training is often neglected. Research by the Industrial Society in 1993 showed that only 10 per cent of the average training budget was allocated to support

Elaine Howard, the principal of Kudos Training, says that secretar-ies are no longer judged by who they work for but have to establish their individual credibility. Many of those who are qualified by experience more than education feel they need a qualification.

As a result, a number of com-panies are now giving better training, offering staff the opportunity to improve their skills in administration and business technology, text processing, marketing, databases, spreadsheets, networks, multimedia and programming.

There are also courses on assertiveness, self-confidence building, time management, handling pressure and management skills.

Bass, for example, has established training schemes which will help secretaries to develop their

The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) recently held seminars on secretarial development in Birmingham, Manchester and Sheffield. Talking to the secretaries who attended, Halina Dowgan of the LCCI said that while their ambitions had risen, attitudes about how to

"In many ways it seemed as though nothing had changed," she says. "They want progress, but are not always prepared to do something about it. They find it hard to be

achieve them had not.

When asked what topics they wanted to discuss, many secretar-

with their managers "as if they saw that as some kind of barrier". Ms Dowgan advises them to set up networks with other secretaries, making it less intimidating to approach the boss to discuss

When employers discover that a member of staff has enrolled on a work-related course, they are often prepared to pay, according to ing procedures if they could be research by the National Institute more efficient. of Adult Continuing Education.

Karen Murray, 34, acquired two professional qualifications paid for by her employer. "I wanted to do the courses as a back-up," she says, "They have benefited me enormously in developing my knowledge and confidence and my boss

really appreciates my qualifications." Her new skills allowed her to move to a larger company and when she wanted to complete another course, she was offered study leave. Because there is no

specific career structure for support staff, they are advised to create their own. The Secre-tarial Development Network (SDN) has set up develop-

ment centres as a result of research in which companies indicated a commitment to training, but little understanding of how to implement it. Freda Gardiner, of the SDN, says secretaries need to create their own opportunities by volunteering to do jobs outside their normal role and by challeng-

Roy Harrison, a policy adviser with the Institute of Personnel and Development, says progress is not always dependent on taking courses. Secretaries should also use their "bird's eye view" of the organisation to plan their career development. "Ambitious people have always known that continuing professional development is not just about formal training, it is about making the most of every learning opportunity that presents itself," he says.

But no one denies the need for continued education, particularly in a market opening up to Europe. The European Association of Professional Secretaries is to launch a lifelong learning model on the Internet in September through which members will be able to update skills on a self-study basis.

Seminars set up in response to demands for information on career autumn by Fasttrack. The Under-Secretary for Education and Employment, Cheryl Gillan, will address the forum on the Government's vision of education for the next century.



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Quark, mean customers can go at their own pace. Powerpoint, used for doing presentations, is another popular programme, as are the Photoshop and Excel packages. Mel Turner works for a promotions company which recently sent her on two Biblio@Tech courses,

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Thompson Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment July 30] Decisions made by the Home Secretary fixing the period which would elapse before two child offenders convicted of the murder of a small child were to be considered for release from detention were vitiated by unfairness and accordingly would be set

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing, on different grounds, appeals by the Home Secretary from the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Newman) (The Times May 7, 1996) which had granted applications made on behalf of Jon Venables and Robert Thompson for judicial review of decisions by the Home Secretary fixing a tariff period of 15 years in each case as the minimum period to be served to satisfy the requirements of retribution and deterrence and declining to follow the judicial recommend eight and 10 years made by the trial judge and the Lord Chief Justice respectively.

The applicants had been sentenced to detention during her Majesty's pleasure following their conviction for the murder of a child aged 2½. At the time of the offence they had been aged ten and a half. Mr David Pannick, OC and Mr retary; Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Ben Emmerson for Venables; Mr Brian Higgs. and Mr Julian Nutter

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS emphasised that the 15year period was not fixed as the period which the applicants were actually to spend in detention. That period could be substantially longer, 15 years was the minimum period which would normally elapse prior to release and enabled the Home Office and the ap-plicants to know when the first review should take place.

That review commenced three years before the expiry of the tariff

Armhouse Lee Ltd v Chappell

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown

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decide by the time it expired whether it was appropriate to release the applicants from detention on licence. That was necessary as the duration of her Maiesty's pleasure was unspecified.

The Home Secretary's case was that Parliament had given him exactly the same breadth of discretion in the case of children and young persons who were sen-tenced for murder as he had in relation to adults sentenced to life imprisonment; therefore he was as long as he complied with the guidance given in R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Doody (1994) I AC 531) as discretion in the case of adults. His Lordship referred to Mr

I The sentence of detention during her Majesty's pleasure did not order detention for life as a punishment for murder, but authorised indeterminate detention only for as long as was necessary to meet objectives which were either wholly or predominantly reformatory and

Fitzgerald's argument, adopted by

Mr Higgs, that:

2 At least in the case of an offender aged 10 the only legitimate objec-tive of the present sentence was the reformation of the offender and the protection of society, not retribution and deterrence;

3 On the other hand, if it were permissible to have regard to retribution and deterrence it was wrong to determine the review date by reference to those objec-tives alone and so exclude for the period of the tariff a periodic review of the wider merits of continuing detention including the way the offender progressed and matured as time passed:

4 As an alternative to 3 above. if it outset to reflect punishment and deterrence, it was not appropriate to take into account in the case of a child the views of the public as to the period of detention which was appropriate or to adopt an ap-proach which was greatly in excess of that which was adopted by the

5 The Home Secretary had come to his decision unfairly because he had not made full disclosure of the material on which he relied and

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ments with magazine publishers was effected by the defendants'

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as to the applicants' backgrounds to entitled him to reach his

His Lordship referred to the statutory provisions and surveyed the historical development of the powers of imprisonment for life of adults as compared with those relating to children.

With regard to adults he referred in particular to the parliamentary statement of policy made by Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, on November 30, 1983, section 35 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, the Doody case and to the present Home Secretary's further par-liamentary statement in July 1993, which made it clear that the policy was to treat children detained during her Majesty's pleasure, even if they were only 10 years old. in the same way as adults sen tenced to mandatory life sentences.

With regard to children conmurder, his Lordship referred to section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1993 which reflected the provisions of the Children Act 1908 and made clear beyond doubt that a sentence of detention during her Majesty's pleasure was not the same as a sentence of imprisonment for life. The section did not provide any express guidance as to hat Parijament intended as m the

duration of such a sentence. It left that to the Home Secretary determine on behalf of her Majesty. But it only continued so long as that was the Home Secretary's pleasure.

Under section 53(2) the court could also sentence a child to a such a period included life for the purposes of the section: see R ν Abbott ([1964] 1 QB 489).
Such a period of detention

ever, be a discretionary sentence. And in practice it would be a sentence which it would be inappropriate to regard as involving, as did a mandatory life sentence, the implication that a young offender had forfeited any Mr Pannick had argued that the correctness of the Home Sec-

retary's approach was confirmed by section 35(2) and (3) of the 1991 Act when read with sections 43 and 51 of that Act. His Lordship accepted that there

was a clear relationship between the provisions as to adults and

those relating to young offenders but it did not follow that the that the only difference between the mandatory sentences was the conditions in which the two age groups were to be housed while in

The provisions of sections 43 and 51 were only for the purpose of Part II of the 1991 Act. That meant the statutory source of the Home Secretary's discretion to order the release was the same in the case of both classes of offenders but it did not mean that the sentences from which they were being released

were necessarily the same. Mr Fitzgerald was therefore right in saying that her Majesty's pleasure remained a separate and different sentence from that of a case of an adult murderer as the explicit from the sentence itself that the subject of the sentence was to forfeit for the period of life any right to be released.

In the case of a sentence of detention during her Majesty's pleasure there was no such explicit or implicit consequence to be derived from the language of the sentence. There could still be an expectation of release, not on a predetermined date, but when the Home Secretary determined that detention to continue.

The distinction was no more than that which flowed from the fact that in the the case of one bring custody to an end desnite the fact that the sentence was for life while in the case of the other sentence there was a discretion to continue custody which might result in custody lasting even for

His Lordship therefore accepted that in many situations the distinction might not have any practical implications. None the less the distinction remained and should be remembered by the Home etary since it could affect the way he was required to exercise his After the applicants had been

convicted no psychiatric or social inquiry reports were adduced for purposes of mitigation because the section 53(l) of the 1933 Act.

report to the Home Secretary in standard form, summarising the facts of the offence, pointing out that the applicants had not given evidence and indicating that each was of average intelligence with no mental abnormality.

The applicants were informed of the substance of the recommendations made by the hidge and the Lord Chief Justice and representations were made on their behalf. His Lordship referred to the

Home Office's response to those tent of public concern, expressed in petitions, letters and including a poll conducted through the media, that the applicants should be detained for life and expressing the Home Secretary's willingness to consider fresh information relevant to the circumstances of the offence or the applicants' state of

As his Lordship understood the ason for that approach it was that the Home Secretary regarded equent events such as ch in the character or personality of the offender as irrelevant when determining the appropriate tariff. That approach substantially ted the scope of the suggestions that his decision was not im-

able and meant that if a detainee's character changed beyond recognition for the better that could not bring forward the first With regard to the lawfulness of the policy his Lordship did not

agree that punishment and deter rence necessarily had a limited role to play in the case of the detention of a young offender for murder during her Majesty's pleasure under section 53. The sentence was intended to have a punitive ent and was originally intro duced as a substitute for capital The weight to be given to the

need for punishment in any particular case as against other legitimate considerations was a atter for the Home Secretary to determine when deciding in the particular young offender should be released. The policy could not therefore he faulted for the importance it attached to the need for

Obviously allowance had to be

Mr Cordara submitted, was in suggesting to the reader that he had instant access to a wicked

world outside. He arrued that that

was more corrupting than the

passive prose and photographs comprising the rest of the maga-zine. His Lordship found the

Common law conspiracies of

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dinary decent people" might find

hardly be said "to be destructive of the very fabric of society" per Lord

DPP (1973) AC 435) or "to disrunt

the order of society" per Viscount

Simonds in Shaw v DPP ([1962] AC

2201. Indeed, his Lordship found

His Lordship had therefore re-

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with considerable relief. To call the

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when determining the tariff. But that could be and was allowed for when fixing the tariff under the

The need for rehabilitation was also a relevant factor which could in part be catered for in the regime provided for the offender while detention and influence the decision as to when to release. His Lordship did not consider that the fact that the mandatory

sentence of detention for young offenders was distinct from the mandatory sentence of imprisonment meant that the same tariff-based approach could not be deployed in relation to both. The distinction was sufficiently accommodated if it was recognis in the application of the policy. That involved paying greater attention to the need for flexibility

when circumstances required. With regard to the application of the policy, his Lordship said that the Home Secretary's discretion as of a type which called out for the development of policy as to the way it would in general be exercised.

consistency and certainty which were highly desirable in an area involving the administration of justice where fairness was particularly important.

The policy was not to prevent the recognition of the exceptional case which could require a departure from that policy. If that happened it would be an example of unlawful fettering of discretion. That was an important question.

by Wade, Administrative Law (7th edition (1994) p360) under the heading "Over-rigid policies". When the 1993 statement was compared with that of 1983 it was apparent that the later policy was more rigid. In the case of young offenders to put off the commence ment of a general review of their position theoretically as long as 17

years appeared to be totally

The position was accurately stated

Even in the case of offenders of the applicants' age, to put it off for 12 years appeared unacceptable and contrary to the proper exercise of the discretion. His Lordship would take a different view if after the tariff was fixed as high as that there was to be a general reconsideration during the period of the tariff.

The policy would then allow changes of circumstances, in-evitably occurring as young offenders grew up, to be taken into account. The need for reconsideration was especially important if limited information was available to the Home Secretary when he reached his decision on the tariff.

After what period reconsider-ation should take place was for the Home Secretary, but it could not be postponed for as long as 12 years for no good reason in the case of offenders of the applicants'

His Lordship did not say that rogress entitled the younger of-nder to a review let alone release. All that was required was a willingness to reconsider the date riew if there was material available to the Home Secretary licating that was desirab

The statute gave him a discretion allowing him to exercise his power of release at any time. He could not decline to consider exercising a discretion which he had throughout the period of the detention irrespective of the

The difference between the judicial figures as to tariff and that of the Home Secretary was so dif-ferent as to raise a doubt as to whether there was a difference of approach as to what the tariff Unless the tariff was to bear

some relationship to what punishment the judiciary would impose, what was the purpose of consulting them? That was underlined when it was remembered that the account the right to remission However, his Lordship did not consider that it was open to a court

to interfere on that ground alone, once it was accepted that punish-ment was part of the sentence.

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The scale of the tariff selected here was still of significance. To the fact that at the time of the the offence they were just over the age of criminal responsibility and the nature of the offence, there had to be added the fact that the tariff considered appropriate was longer than ever selected for an offender

When the limited evidence available about the applicants was also taken into account together with the public interest in the tariff figures, which was out of all proportion to the significance of the tariff, there was an almost irresistible case for considering whether the the tariff approach should exceptionally be departed from. On the evidence that had not been considered. It should have been. A departure from the tariff would have allowed the development of the applicants to be

It would avoid the Home Secretary publicly being in significant disagreement with the judiciary which could only tend to undermine the public confidence in the criminal justice system.

On the question of the fairness of the decision, his Lordship said that it was clear that the Home Sec retary had taken into account the petitions and other documents presented to him urging the fixing of a higher tariff than that fixed by the judiciary.

That could well provide part of

the explanation for the striking difference in the judiciary's and the Home Secretary's figures for the penal element. His Lordship regarded that as being a departure from the standards of fairness required for the exercise of a

discretion of the present sort. He also regarded it as the taking into account of material which was not relevant at that stage. If it ever were relevant then it was so to the question of release after the tariff period had been served. To take into account the petitions

and other such material was

unfair because it was materia which had come into existence in a way which it was impossible for the applicants to test or match. While the Home Secretary was not confined in his consideration of the tariff to the material a court would regard as relevant, he performing a similar role how the courts performed that role. A court would regard it as quite improper for that type of material to be

To run a campaign designed to increase the punishment in a particular case could amount to an interference with the due administration of justice. That being the position as to the courts, it was difficult to see the justification for the Home Secretary taking a different view. The material which the Home

Secretary should have had before him when fixing the tariff had to be judged against the extent to which the tariff was capable of being reconsidered and its length. If it was not an initial view which

would in due course be fully reviewed and the period was as long as 15 years in the case of children of the applicants' ages his Lordship could only describe the approach in the present cases as perfunctory and as falling far below the standards that a court would adopt if contemplating sentencing a child for a period of 15 years detention. A court would require full social and psychiatric in the present cases, there

should have been full description of the nature of all the material before the Home Secretary which was to be taken into account. The applicants needed to know what was not available to him. It had been assumed that the full reports would be, but they were absent.

For them to be considered after the decision had been reached was not the same as for them to be taken into account before the decision was reached. There was natural reluctance in the case of any administrative decision to change it in the absence of clear evidence and the applicants were entitled to a proper decision taken on the relevant material.

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so the decisions could be taken There was a real need for mother to take to

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reconsideration of how cases were being administered which inevitably resulted in young children being detained for long periods. The history of the statements

made to Parliament suggested the policy in relation to child murderers might have been adopted as an afterthought to that in the case of adults without the detailed consideration required. Approximately 90 years ago an enlightened Parliament recognised that a flexible sentence of detention

was what was required, with a very wide discretion being given to the person Parliament thought best suited to oversee that discretion so that the most appropriate decision as to release could taken in the public interest. The subsequent statutes had not altered the nature of the discretion. Yet by a series of policy decisions.

that flexibility had in relation to such cases all but disappeared. That did not accord with what Parliament had laid down; nor did it lead here to a just result. LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the purpose of section 53 of the Children and Young Persons

Act 1933 and its related provisions was not to excuse the offender from punishment but to ensure that the custodial punishment was served in appropriate conditions which would assist his rehabilitation and not, so far as possible, expose him to further corruption.

It was that feature, not the date of release, which was separately provided for, which was the hall mark of the sentence of detention under the Children Act 1908 and section 53 of the 1933 Act.

The correct understanding of those Acts was clear. They provided for punishment. In respect of convicted murderers they required the passing of a life sentence.

His Lordship did not agree with Lord Justice Pill in the Divisional Court in the present case, nor with the similar views expressed by the Master of the Rolls. His Lordship referred to the Criminal Justice Act 1991 and, in

particular, to section 35(2) and (3) which covered the release of man datory life sentence prisoners and to section 43. The statutory intention was clear and not open to argument. Young offenders sentenced under section

53(1) of the 1933 Act to detention

during her Majesty's pleasure were governed as regards their release by section 35 of the 1991 Act. The breadth of the Home Secretary's discretion was the same in both classes of case. Whatever room for argument there might previously have been, the m

was now concluded by the provisions of the 1991 Act. The conclusion of the Divisional Court could not be supported. In so far as the the Master of the Rolls based his decision on the same view of section 53(1) his Lordship

had to dissent.
On the ground of unfairness, his Lordship referred to the materials before the Home Secretary. It appeared from the affidavit

had reached his decision without seeing any of the trial papers or having read the judge's summing up but had depended entirely for his information about the offences and the applicants' level of premeditation and responsibility on the judge's summary. His Lordship did not emsider

that they had been given adequate information to enable them to make full representations, nor did t comply with the guidance given in the Doody case. He agreed with the Master of the

Rolls on that ground of challenge and would dismiss the appeal. LORD JUSTICE MORRITT A

delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Hobbouse on th issue of statutory construction and agreeing in the result that the Home Secretary's decisions should he quashed on the ground of unfairness. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitors

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then compulsory liquidation. Only Armhouse Lee Ltd. then, because the first defendant that lewd discussion over the Mr Roderick Cordara, OC, who telephone offering sexual excitelost control, could the plaintiffs did not appear below, and Mr Richard Millett for the defendants: ent in return for payment ought bring the present action. In the court below, the main to constitute prostitution. Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr B. A finding of prostitution regrounds upon which the defence of Clive Freedman for the plaintiffs. quired at the very least both that gality was run below were that: impose their own moral attitudes. LORD JUSTICE SIMON the putative prostitute be at some I The advertisements themselves stage in her client's presence and that her offer was of some direct BROWN said that the first defenwere obscene, alternatively, that dant was a self-proclaimed pornographer who carried on that they involved a conspiracy to all concerned to corrupt public morals physical contact of a sexual nature and/or outrage public decency and 2 Even if no criminal offence had business both in person and through the medium of the second between them. Other sexually immoral purposes Mr Cordara submitted that even been committed, then the contracts nts, a company which he for placing them were contrary to if the provision of category I and 2 services did not amount to owned and controlled. public policy as being contracts At the heart of the appeal lay a to promote sexual plea by the defendants that their prostitution it nevertheless inpublic policy defence. volved sexual activity at a price. In his judgment, the judge specifically dealt with only premoral, or indeed illegal, that they Contracts for its promotion cations Act 1984 ought not to have to pay for it: they ought accordingly not to be enargued that public policy dictated that the courts should decline to recorded sex messages and found forced on the ground of public that the advertisements for those policy. The true public policy which operated was the court's enforce the contracts in question. services were not obscene, whether at common law or under the Until about 1993 both defenrefusal to lend itself to the enforce-Obscene Publications Act 1959. dants were engaged in the busiment of any contract involving the ness of renting and operating telephone sex lines at premium In the Court of Appeal, Mr Cordora sought to put the defensupply of services of a sexual nature for reward.

Immoral advertisements still have to be paid for illegality defence beyond the category of pre-recorded messages to a material as self-evident hype. generally accepted moral code condemned these telephone sex Obscenity

second category of live conversa-tions and a third category of sex His Lordship accepted that the advertisements included categories I and 2, but ruled out any reliance on category 3. The arguments could then be dealt with under five heads.

the telephone sex lines started to become less profitable. That being Once category 3 services were put aside, there was no physical contact involved in the use of category I or 2 services. None the less, Mr Cordara submitted that omen providing such services were prostitutes. His Lordship rejected Mr Cordara's argument

In his Lordship's judgment the

lines. On the contrary, society appeared not merely to have accepted their existence but to have placed them under the express control of an independent body. There were also a number of powerful countervailing considerations of public policy in play

which ought positively to incline the court to enforce rather than outlaw the particular contracts. First, the general desirability to uphold contracts freely entered into. That consideration was of particular relevance given the brazen cynicism of these (

ments for escaping their plain Second, it was undesirable that in such a case, involving an area regarded as the province of the criminal law, for individual judges exercising a civil jurisdiction to

Given also Mr Cordara's concession that even if these contracts were held to be unenforceable the result would be not that the services would terminate but only that credit would be withheld in the pornography industry, there seemed more to lose than to gain by acceding to the defendants' Section 43(II) of the Telecommuni-

The defendants argued that the telephone messages promised to those who dialled, if not obscene, were at the very least indecent. However, in his Lordship's judgment, rather than acceding to the defendants' self-serving assertions of their own criminality, he pre-

ited from the advertisements and provided the services. They contrived the plaintiffs' insolvency and now it was they who sought to impugn the same advertisements in truth hypocrisy writ large, Lord Justice Schiemann and Lord Justice Aldous agreed. Solicitors: Alsop Wilkinson; Amhurst Brown Colombotti

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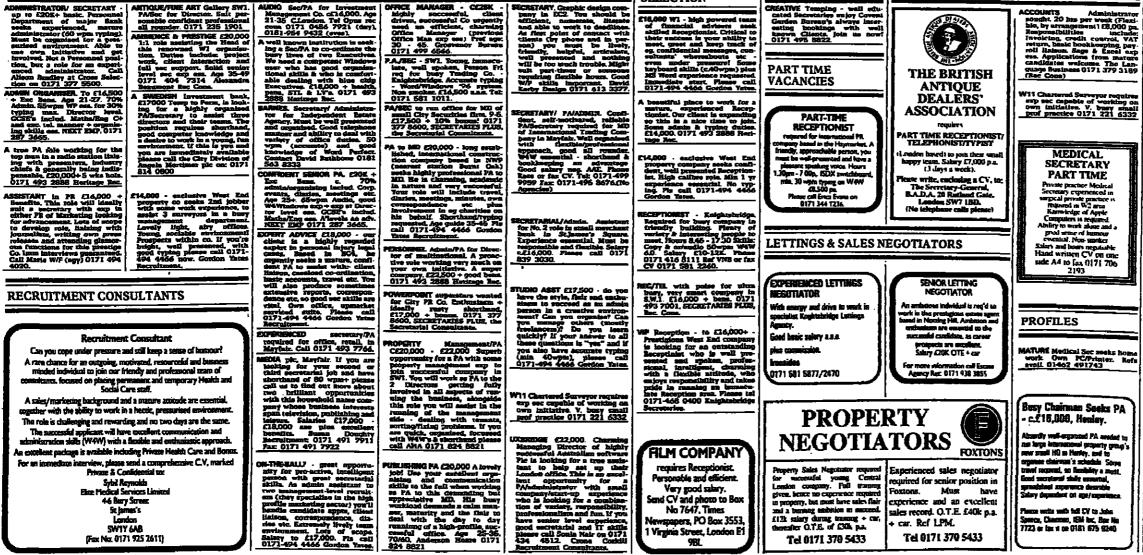
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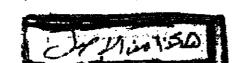
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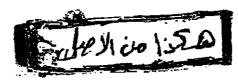
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MOTOR RACING: McLAREN OFFER CHANCE TO WORLD CHAMPION'S YOUNGER BROTHER

Another Schumacher prepares to take up the family business

Oliver Holt talks to a German intent on the McLaren garage at Silverstone yesterday and following famous footsteps into Formula One sensed immediately that some-

thing was wrong. A large towel had been spread across his car and he looked at his mechanics for an Japanese Formula 3000 championship by three points and shares explanation. "Ralf Schumacher many of the same mannerisms got here first thing this morning figures of speech as his and put it there," one said, before brother, spent yesterday the rest dissolved into laughter. familiarising himself with A few doors down the pit lane. Silverstone in a Formula 3000 car the younger brother of the world belonging to the Super Nova team. champion had already leapt into He will complete that process another car and was preparing to today before taking the wheel of drive around the circuit for the

> He already has the tacit approval of Mercedes, which is desperate to include a German component in the driver line-up next season, although it may also envisage him as a test driver. With Coulthard in the midst of a two-year deal, Schumacher's only hope for a seat at McLaren is if the team fails to agree terms with Mika Hakkinen. whose contract is due for renewal at the end of the season.

the McLaren and doing his best to

impress the team hierarchy.

It is thought that McLaren will have to give Schumacher the younger a decision by the end of

losing him to another leading team. He has already held discussions with Jordan, who are likely to part with Rubens Barrichello and Martin Brundle next season, and is talking to Sauber. "I do not know exactly what will

happen." Schumacher, 20, said yesterday. "Perhaps I will get in the car and realise that Formula One is too fast for me at the moment, but I am leading the championship in Japan and I have learnt enough to push myself into a higher class. I do not want to be a test driver. I want a race seat.

"Getting into a Formula One car will be a dream coming true for me. I remember the first time I saw Michael testing a Benetton five or six years ago and thinking that is what I wanted to do, too.

Two years ago, if someone had told me that I was about to drive an Fl car, I would not have been able to sleep for four weeks. I am still excited about it, but I am ready

Schumacher began his racing career at the age of 22, when he started karting. He progressed through the junior formulas to German Formula Three for two vears and then to Japanese Formula 3000, where he races with Team Le Mans. He lives 100 kilometres outside Tokyo beside a lake in the foothills of Mount Fuji, a situation that protects him from the demands of the media.

"A lot of the German journalists are angry about Michael because they cannot catch him for interviews," Ralf said. "They cannot really write bad things about him because he won almost everything last year, so they tried to start doing it with me. Out there, you are away from most of it.

"To begin with, the name was a help, but if you are not successful. they do not want you. I have already discovered that.

"My father is the one who really wants me to get into grand-prix racing. He does not really like the sport at all, but he comes to watch Michael once a year and me once a year. If we are both in Formula One, he only needs to make one



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McLaren-Mercedes. Ron Dennis,

the McLaren managing director.

is keen to employ him as a test

driver next season, but the young

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FOOTBALL: RANGERS BEGIN THEIR EUROPEAN CUP CAMPAIGN WITH TESTING FIXTURE AT IBROX

Pressure on Laudrup to open up Russians

IF PERPLEXING opponents is the key to victory, then Alania Vladikavkaz pose a mighty threat to Rangers in the European Cup prelimi-nary round tie that begins at Ibrox this evening. The remarks of the visitors' manager. Valery Gazzayev, have been furrowing brows.

On arrival in Glasgow, he began with a severe scolding of his goalkeeper, Zaur Khapov, holding him solely responsible for last year's 2-l aggregate defeat by Liverpool in the Uefa Cup. Gazzayev then moved on to pondering whether the player has yet recovered his nerve. All of this, presumably, is supposed to provoke Khapov into defiant

Walter Smith, the Rangers



Smith: puzzled

zled by another remark. "This game will not be a walkover,"

Gazzayev said. Smith could barely imagine that anyone had anticipated a substantial victory for the Scottish club in the first place: "I don't think anyone would ever expect an easy game against the champions of Russia. I can only suppose that he supporters and make them believe he is concerned about playing Rangers."

European Cup has been a place of tribulation for the brox club in the past. When Smith spoke about the need to defend vigilantly even on the club's own ground, the memory of defeats, under the away goals rule, by Sparta Prague and Levski Sofia in previous years must have been flitting across his mind. At home, though, Rangers' primary duty is to break down Vladikavkaz.

The achievement of such creativity is made all the more awkward by the absence of suspended from both legs and, in any case, injured. As a result, great emphasis is bound to be placed on Brian Laudrup, although the dependency of team-mates has been known to unsettle him in

European matches. "He has suffered on these occasions because of other people's expectations," Smith said, "but, beforehand, you can never expect that any single player will go out and win the game by himself. Each individual needs collective support. I feel we will be more able to provide that now because our squad as a whole is stronger than it has been for

A deputy for Gascoigne is never easily located, but Smith's opinion is borne out by the fact that Alan McLaren and David Robertson, who will not return from injury until next month at the earliest, are readily replaced by the summer's signings, Joachim Bjorklund and Jorg Albertz Rangers may believe that balance in the team, rather than the contribution of individuals, is their strength, but it one also possessed by Vladikavkaz. Gazzayev's squad provided only two members of the Russia squad

in the European championship this summer — Omar Tetradze and Igor Yanovski but they are nonetheless a potent force. They lead the table in Russia once again and only a win this evening will keep the element of risk in the return leg manageable for

Heart of Midlothian, who meet Red Star in Belgrade in the Cup Winners' Cup on Thursday, have resolved at least one of the problems created by the match. After a meeting of the Scottish Football League clubs yesterday, their game with Dunfermline Athletic, which was due to be played on Saturday, has been postponed.

Hibernian have signed Brian Welsh, of Dundee United, for a fee yet to be agreed, and Ian Cameron, of Partick Thistle. In a swap deal for the latter, Gareth Evans and David Farrell move to Firhill. Dundee United restocked their squad by buying Neil Duffy, from, Dundee for £200,000.

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Laudrup, in the absence of Gascoigne, has the task of trying to break down Vladikavkaz. Photograph: Allsport

Ten-man Celtic rely on resilience

By KEVIN McCarra

CELTIC'S hopes of advancing in the Uefa Cup remain in good order, but they were dishevelled in every other respect during the 0-0 draw away to Kosice of Slovakia in the first leg of the preliminary round. Elsewhere, Aberdeen were wholly gratified by a 4-1 victory away to Zalgiris Vilnius of Lithuania.

Although great ambitions surround Celtic, pride was taken yesterday in the team's resilience rather than in any control they exerted on the match. Tommy Burns's side even had to survive the loss of Simon Donnelly, who was sent off for a petulant tackle from behind on Vladimir Janocko in the 54th minute after he had carelessly given the ball away.

The outcome will satisfy Celtic, since this was their first competitive fixture of the season and their two signings,

Alan Stubbs and Paolo di Canio, were both absent injured. Apart from a brief appearance in the final minutes, Celtic also had to do without last season's top scorer, Pierre Van Hooijdonk, who

has an ankle injury.

Celtic failed to curb the playmaking of Vladislav Zvara in midfield, especially in the early stages. In addition, they nearly presented the player with a goal in the 33rd minute when Gordon Marshall dropped the ball at the feet of Janocko before bringing him down. He then remedied matters by saving Tzvara's penalty.

The goalkeeper then caused fresh alarm by conceding an indirect free-kick after taking too many steps. As time passed, however, the Glasgow club became more organised, defended in depth and contained Kosice with greater

Once Donnelly had depart-

ed, the Slovakians strove to break through, bringing on Robert Semenik, their leading scorer, but manufactured few opportunities. While Celtic employed just a single forward, Jorge Cadete, supporting him with the strenuous running of Phil O'Donnell and others, he struck the post

in the first half and wasted an

opportunity after the interval. Finding the net presented considerably fewer problems in Lithuania. Aberdeen will have been relieved to have done the brunt of the damage after a hapless pre-season that included a 3-1 defeat by Everton and a 6-0 beating

from Olympiakos, of Greece. There was far more aplomb Vilnius yesterday. Billy Dodds opened the scoring. with the first of his two goals. two minutes from the interval, volleying home a left-footed drive after a pass from Colin Woodthorpe. However, their

advantage was wiped out after

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49 minutes when the unmarked Tomas Razanauskas equalised.

Joe Miller hacked clear from the goalline a few moments later, but Aberdeen always looked able to penetrate the Lithuanians' defence. Stephen Glass cut inside from the left to restore the lead in the 72nd minute, and the morale of the Vilinius side ebbed away.

Further goals were added in the last ten minutes by Dodds, who converted a penalty, and Duncan Shearer, who came on as a substitute. Roy Aitken, the Aberdeen manager, had argued that pre-season travails were irrelevant. Anyone who thought that a platitude was obliged to accept it as a shining truth yesterday.

The result also represents a considerable advance for the Pittodrie club, whose last appearance in Europe ended in ignominius defeat by Skonto Riga, of Latvia.

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SELUND X COMMPUNSTRY: Strings Varietistre S24-Side M 4 Sheat 102, M J Proved 210, M 4 Wagh 115; Somerset 33-0 The Owal: Northarnstarchine 384-6 dec (A J Swarm 174, A R Roberts 87, K J Innes 50; v Suncy, Herman Maddects, 309-3 dec; UP Hewit 66, D J Goodbard 91, P E Wellings 54, J B Trompson 4-88; Korl 33-1

CYCLING TOUR OF PORTUGAL: First stage

TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL Nick-ett 7 30 unless stated European Cup Qualifying round, first leg Rangers v Alama Vladikavkaz (8 0) Rangers v Alama Vladikavikaz (8.0)
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Alminotam v Manchester Unded XI. Earnet v Crystal Paticia (7.45); Cambridge United v Chariton (7.45); Hayes v Swindon, Huddentield v Leeds (7.45); Kottenng v Lecoster (7.45); Mossley v Halifaz, Shitton v Dartington (7.0); Southend v Torantham (7.45); Sovernago v Wimbledon; Scarborough v York: Famborough v Cueens Park Ranger (7.45); Kyon Ohent v West Ham (7.45); Vezoní v Everton XI (7.45); Manchester United v Internationale (8.0), Bury v Sunderland (8.0) CRICKET

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BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championships (at Learnington Spa) ECILESTRIANISM: Royal Dublin horse Strathcydel. SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes Week SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull v Ortord (7:30); Long Eston v Eastbourne (7:30), Poole v Bractord (7:30)

SQUASH MELBOURNE: Women's Australian Oper Machine Windows Stated) Quarter-finals: M Martin bi R Cooper 8-10, 9-5, 9-4, 9-6, C Jackman (Eng) bi L Charman (Eng) 9-2, 9-4, 10-8 C Owens bi Liz Inving 3-9, 9-5, 9-2, 9-6, S Fitzgurald bi J Martin (Eng) 9-4, 9-5, 9-0

MARIA LANKOWITZ, Austria: Women's fournament: First round; J Husarova (Se) to 8 Schwartz (Austria) 6-3, 6-4, 5 Tales, (Cro.) b E Wagner (2) 1564 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, H Nagyora (Sia) to 8 Bobwara (Ca) 6-2, 6-4, P Nagrous (Sol) in Richburs (Ca) 6-2, 6-4, P.
Langiona (Ca) bit Nisancher-Lorenzo (Sp)
6-4 6-4, C. Torrent-Volenz (Sp) bit A. Glazs
(Scr) 3-6, C. Torrent-Volenz (Sp) bit A. Glazs
(Scr) 3-6, B-3, 6-4, Y. Micholazi (Plum) bit A.
Smashnows (In) 7-5, 6-4, M. Zince Sau)
(Gof) bit Nintaux. (Austra) 6-1, 6-0; S. Dopler (Austra) bit W. Probat (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, F.
Perictit fill bit M. Manuska (Austra) 5-7, 7-6
6-4, Side Wile (Brit) bit A. Arkupova (Ca) 6-4,
3-6, 6-2, L. Gartone (fill bit V. Mastinck (Ger)
bit 3-6.

MONTREAL: Women's tournament (US wieses stated): First round; Si Testaud (Fr) be R Smyton (Carl) 6-3, 3-8, 6-3, 4 Grossman to P Hy-Boulate (Carl) 4-8, 6-3, 6-1, A Fruster M Areas (Fr) 6-7, 4 A Cooker (SA) bit R Grando (R) 6-3, 6-2; N Tauctar (Fr) by A Carleson (Swo) 6-2, 6-4; E Lithrovitowe (Russ) bit I. Nestand (Lot) 6-1, 6-2 k Habrardova (Ste) bit B Schott (Austral) 6-0, 6-0, E Moladova (Russ) bit B Schott (Austral) 6-0, 6-0, E Moladova (Russ) bit B Rithror (Gar) 7-5, 6-3, N Ajond bit S Caco 6-2, 6-4 R Shintos (Austral) Lispant bit S Caco 6-2, 6-4 R Shintos (Gar) bit C Singer (Gar) 6-1, 6-2; L Phymond bit J Nopody (Carl) 7-6, 6-1, N Studentowa (So-valua) br G L Gancia (Sp) 2-8, 6-3, 7-6, J Walashabe bit K Boogert (Hott) 6-1, 6-2 G Sabatini (Arg) bit S Jeyazoekan (Carl) 6-4, 6-2

SOUTH-SEA: LTA Summer satellite tournament (SE unders stated): Mant: First round: A Hunt (NZ) br C Wat 6-3, 6-4; M Hill-Address (Seas) bi G Saffery 6-3, 6-4; M Hill-Address (Seas) bi G Saffery 6-3, 6-4; M Hill-Address (Seas) bi C Sanger (US) 6-3, 6-1; T Sprince br E Butes 6-1, 6-1; S Pender bi J Danadson 1-6, 6-1, 7-5, P Hund bi N Nach (Nac) 6-1, 6-2, L Vosion (US) bi B Cowen 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, D Roberts (SA) bi J Fowen 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Wommer First rounds F Huant bi N Wenger (Ger) 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; L Woodersh bi A Mogilincha (Pol) 6-0, 6-0; L Jamer bit H Crook 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; C Watson (Aus) bi G Navablow (CS) 6-1, 6-1; L Sangerjon (Aus) bi A Binegal (Ger) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; V Luives bi I Schogliu (Tur) 6-4, 6-0 SOUTHSEA: LTA Summer satellite tourBOWLS

Ireland forced to hang on for pairs victory

COMFORTABLE wins over Fiji and Spain gave England a share of the leadership with Scotland, the defending champions, and South Africa in their triples section at the women's world championships at Learnington Spa. Six qualifying rounds remain. There was a multiple tie at

the top of the other section, with New Zealand holding a slight advantage on shots difference over five other countries, including Wales.

In the pairs, holders Phillis Nolan and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, were grateful to edge through 21-16 against Ann Dainton and Rita Jones. of Wales, after leading 21-8. They remain two points behind South Africa.

In the other section, Fiji and Jersey were a single point ahead of Scotland, with England fourth. Julie Forrest and Joyce Lindores, the Scottish pair, were beaten 31-18 by Marilyn Peddell and Willow

Fong, of Australia.

The result of the pairs match between England and India on Monday may be irrelevant in the long term, but the circumstances of England's 22-21 win were still being talked about around the greens 24 hours later.

Down 16-5 after 11 ends, Jill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw seemed to be fighting a lost cause against Jeanette Lewis and Shashe Chabra, from Calcutta. On the penultimate end, with England still 21-15 behind, an Indian bowl touched the jack on its way into the ditch but was not

When the end was completed, that bowl was second shot, until the absence of a chalk mark was noticed. The bowl, which was officially dead, had to be removed. This left England with six shots, tying the scores, and Shaw drew the winning single on the last end.

The Indians, deprived of a famous victory, were deeply upset, but admitted that forgetting to chalk the toucher had been their mistake. Bowls is a game much concerned with the small print of the laws and this was a prime example of a technical oversight changing victory into

Yesterday, Fitzgerald and Shaw led Heather Stewart and Kottia Spangler, from California, 14-10 before losing 18-16. Down 18-15, Shaw killed the last end but could score only one on the replay.

Nancie Colling, secretary of the English Womens Bowling Association, is being installed as president of the Interational Women's Bowling Board during these championships. The Board is expected to confirm Australia as hosts of the next world championships in 2000. with Sydney the venue.

Today is a rest day at Learnington. The triples and pairs finals take place on Saturday, along with the league play-offs, and the singles and fours championships start on Sunday, with their finals following on August 18. Margaret Johnston, defending her singles title, is hoping to emulate Tony Allcock by winning the world championship for a second consecutive time



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8.20 IRISH POST HANDICAP

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RACING

Fabricius at odds with fixture list

By Julian Muscat

ROD FABRICIUS, the general manager and clerk of the course at Goodwood, yesterday challenged the British Horseracing Board (BHB) to take a hard look at the future of the sport and questioned whether the Horserace Betting Levy Board was getting value for money in financing

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the fixture list. In an outburst reflecting his concern for the sport, Fabricius said that funding of an increasingly bulky fixture list was "pandering to medioc-rity", and doubted that the increase in fixtures was sustainable in the long term. "I think we are diluting the product's appeal to racegoers by offering the same old fare.

day after day," he said. "I wonder whether racegoers are enjoying it as much," he said. "And I wonder how betting shop punters cope with races starting every five minutes. I'd have thought the nonstop opportunity to bet is a turn-off." Fabricius's comments are at odds with Racecourse Association policy. which welcomes the growth in

fixtures. He also called on the Levy Board - which acts as racing's treasury — to consider a two-tier approach to funding fixtures. "The way the board directs its support can be more focused. It can be used more effectively in creating a mechanism whereby Levy Board funding is matched by other sources of funding from the racecourses

themselves." The Levy Board fully funds the vast majority of some 1.100 British fixtures. All those re-

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

D.UJ JAMAICA SELLING STAKES

1 442 FRARLESS CAVALER 11 R Holinstead 8-11
2 30 SLAMMERVILLE WOOD 9 P Mooney 8-11
3 000 CHAMPAGNE ON U.S 9 P Evans 8-6
5 0 ONE LADY 23 J Eyre 9-6
6 00 SHEVARY 23 J Eyre 9-6
7 00 SLENT WELLS 20 J Dumm 8-6
9 5 SVALENTIME FARRY 15 R Boss 8-6
9 5 VALENTIME FARRY 15 R Boss 8-6

7-4 Valentine Fairy, 9-4 Feetless Cavaller, 3-1 EnulyyiR, 8-1 One Lady, Susmittervilli Wood, 10-1 Champagne On Ice, 12-1 others.

6.35 BARBADOS HANDICAP (£2,381; 5/ 13yd) (13)

1 5600 GASALULU 7 (CD.F.G) P Ewars 3-9-10 J F Egan 19 2 0150 MISTER RADER 172 (B.G) E Wheeler 4-9-5 D Griffens (5) 13 3 4400 FEATHERSTONE LAME 5 (V.D.F.G) Miss L Saddal 5-9-5

4 -000 SUPERBIT 6 (D,G) B McMahon 4-9-5 W Ryan 1
5 4001 FORZARA 16 (D,S) J Berry 3-9-4 J Carroll 11
6 0304 SOUPERHCAL 17 (V,D,F,G) J Slover 5-9-3 W J O'Connor 4
8 4002 SUPERFRAIA 11 Mass J Care 3-9-0 M Commorton 6
8 4002 SUPERFRAIA 59 Miss 1 Subhall 3-9-0 Part Eddery 2
9 0000 NTEOMN, RAMER 2 (G) J A Hartis 3-8-13 J O'Really 9
10 0-50 LAST AMBITION 16 R Champton 4-8-4 J Dumn 5
17 000 PIG TRICE BM 28 F Cleanant 3-8-3 J J Tate 12
12 0-00 CUSNTA BOY 14 J Eyre 3-7-12 N Variety (3) 7
13 0003 OSCAUENTS GET 23 P Burgovne 4-7-10 N Adams 3
4 Formal 3-1 Souperhead 9-2 Oscillatis 6-ft, 6-1 Master Raider, 7-1 Gazquitu.

9-4 Forzara, 3-1 Souperhousi, 9-2 Oscilliphis Grit, 6-1 Missier Raider, 7-1 Gapquilu, 8-1 Superbd, 12-1 Superfinite, 14-1 others

7.05 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO CLAIMING SKY

0 MINT CONDITION 16 Mrs L Subbs 9-1 K Fail 2423 SUFFE FACTORS 12 J Grover 8-13 S D Wilso GEOFFREYS GAMBLE 8 Baugh 8-11 W LL 0025 HEVER GOLF STORMER 11 T Naughton 8-11 J West

2-1 Sunta Factors, 9-4 Five-O-Fifty, 11-4 Miss Fugit Penance, 6-1 Hever Gold Stormer, 10-7 Mint Condition, 33-1 Geoffrey: Gamble,

RIVE-O-RIFTY J Berry 8-7 ...
MESS PLIGIT PENANCE P Evens 8-6

STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,381: 51 13yd) (6)

(2-Y-O: £2,070: 61 15yd) (9 runners)

NOTTINGHAM

Suite Factors, 7.35 Runic Symbol, 8.05 Teel Of Silver, 8.35 Miss Prism.

quired to meet bookmaker-inspired criteria receive full funding to maintain a regular diet of racing in off-course betting shops. Racecourses staging such fixtures are all but guaranteed a profit even though the paying attendance

But the BHB, while largely maintaining these criteria fixtures, has introduced a spate of evening meetings which are popular with racegoers and those racecourses taking the gate money. Fabricius feels the series of evening meetings that now clash with Glorious Goodwood week represent a significant threat to atten-

dance figures. This begs the need for the BHB to make its priorities clear, although it seems pretty adamant that customer-friendly fixtures is the way it is going," he said. "I am not objecting to the racecourses' right to stage fixtures. I am citing our situation as an example of the increased availability of racing. It reflects the expansion of the fixture list and the poor return I believe the Levy Board is getting on its

investment." Somewhat surprisingly, the Racehorse Owners' Association has long held Fabricius's view that prize-money is spread too thinly. Many trainers believe there is too much racing and some jockeys admit they are exhausted by the frantic schedule of afternoon and evening racing in the summer months. The subiect has become a bone of contention ever since the BHB embraced a policy to please

allcomers two years ago.

L Newton (5) 2 ... J Carroll 5

G Carter 8

K Fallon

W Lord 2



Blue Duster has the group one Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville on Sunday as her next objective

Blue Duster has Deauville target

By Julian Muscat

BLUE DUSTER, last season's champion two-year-old filly, is to complete her preparation for her return to the big league at Newmarket this morning. The Danzig filly is on target to contest the group one Prix Maurice de Gheest in

France on Sunday. Trained by David Loder. Blue Duster made a belated return to the track at Yarmouth last month after missing the 1,000 Guineas through injury. She had little difficulty maintaining her unbeaten record but faces her first real test at Deauville. Among her expected opponents is the July Cup winner, Anabaa. However, Loder is well placed to assess

Kim Tinkler 4 N Adams 14

R Pfresch (7) 6

7.35 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB HANDICAP

13 0000 BRONHALLOW Mrs B Wanny 3-8-4 ... N Varley (3) 10 14 0045 NOBBY BARNES 12 (F.G.) E Incsa 7-8-4 ... Kim Tinder 4 15 0-46 BUDDING ARME 19 J Bosley 3-8-4 ... N Adams 14

7-2 Ragsak James, 4-1 Age Of Rezity, 11-2 Budding Anne, 6-1 Runs: Symbol, 7-1 Nobby Barres, Mattimeo, 8-1 Lifa Pedigo, 10-1 others

8.05 MONSERRAT FILLIES HANDICAP SKY

7 0012 JAMBO 9 (D.F.G) JENE 3-8-8 K Falon 9
8 5-00 NFANTRY DANCER 11 G Bovery 3-8-7 D R McCabe 4
9 0-00 FLYPING FLOWERS 21 R Hannon 3-8-5 Paul Eddery 14
10 -004 RACING BRENDA 12 (CD.F.G) B Morgan 5-8-5 J Carnoll 10
11 0300 CUBAN REEF 23 (G) W McSon 4-8-1 J F Egan 8
12 0005 JAMAND 12 (D.G) B McIdahon 4-7-12 A Mackony 11
3 004 JADY BENSON 12 D Cospone 3-7-10 N Adams 13
14 0500 TRIPLE TE 54 (5) M Bibrerard 5-7-10 J Duten 15
15 -562 SHANKHAI LL 40 (G) M FeBrersten-Godby 4-7-10
R Firench (7) 6

7-2 Tael Of Saver 5-1 Jambo, 6-1 Healthyards Lady, 13-2 Lady Benson, 7-1 Racing Brenda 8-1 Shanghai LD, 10-1 Cultum Reel, 12-1 others

8.35 CARIBBEAN HANDICAP

(£2,381: 2m 9yd) (18)

ULA PEDIGO 12 (G) Miss 3 Craze 3-8-7 ... INDIRA 23 H Candy 3-8-6

(£3,644: 1m 1f 213yd) (15)

(£3,480; 1m 54yd) (15)

Blue Duster's prospects. He has a valuable yardstick in Lucayan Prince, who chased Anabaa home at Newmar-

ket last month. Sunday promises to be a hectic day for Loder. Lucayan Prince is himself engaged in Germany, while Bahamian Bounty, a facile winner last time out, could represent the stable in the Heinz '57' Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AUGUSTAN (5.50 Kempton Park) Next best: Orontes (6.20 Kempton Park)

NEWGASTLE

2.30 Silca's My Key. 3.00 He's Got Wings. 3.30 Aurelian. 4.00 Smartaer Charter. 4.30 Quilling. 5.00

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 He's Got.

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Wings. 3.30 Aurelian.

Going: Good to firm (firm in Places)

Verglas, trained by Kevin Prendergast to win the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, heads the home defence, but a strong British challenge is expected for a

prize regularly farmed by British stables. At Newmarket yesterday, Halling went well in a gallop with Sharaf Kabeer in preparation for the Juddmonte International Stakes in two weeks' time. The five-year-old entire, winner of the race 12 months ago, was partnered in the gallop by Lanfranco Dettori, who hopes to resume from injury in time to ride Halling at York.

☐ Boojum, trained by Barry Hills, was 514 lengths fourth to the André Fabretrained newcomer, Green Lady, in the Prix des Roches at Deauville yesterday.

BRIGHTON

2.15 Dozen Roses, 2.45 Mystic Quest, 3.15 Always Grace, 3.45 Harlequin Walk, 4.15 South Wind, 4.45 Mystery Matthias, 5.15 Cadeau Elegant.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 BREFFNI

Newmarket Correspondent: 5.15 Cadeau Elegant.

THUNDERER

GOING: FIRM.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

5.50 Supermick

6.50 Lear Jet

6.20 Klondike Charge

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

AUGUSTAN best Spread The Word 11/61 in 19-nomes amaleurs handleap at Chepstow (1m 44, good to firm). ACHELISE HEEL 41 4th of 14 to Mystec Hill in bandleap at Newbury (1m 51 61yd.

5.50 IRISH NIGHT APPRENTICE HANDICAP

REAGANESCUE beal Tappeto 1141 in 10-numer hundicap al Chepstow (1m 41, good to firm) on penalitimate start. HIGH DESIRE 6141 4th of 12 to kemport Kongt in Incodican at Winaton (1m 31 135yd. good) SUPETANCX beal Norsong 1141 in 13-numer handicap at Epsom (1m 41, good). Selection: AUGUSTAN

6.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3.534: 7f) (14 runners)

201	(13)		AL AZHAR (At Mustlim Partners) Balding 9-0
202	(8)		AS FRENDLY (M A) Maktourn) M Strote 9-0 R Cochrane
203	(10)		BAREEO (H Al Makkoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills
204	(11)		BUBBLY (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 9-0
205	(4)	44	IKATANIA 32 (D Crowson) J Dunlop 9-0 T Sprake
206	(12)		PADIAN BLAZE (Pendley Braves) P Harms 9-0
207	₹6 1		KUNGRISHER MRLL (H de Walden) Mirs J Cecil 9-0 A Clark
308	(5)		KLONDOKE CHARGER (M A) Makenum) B Halts 9-0 J D Smith (5)
209	(3)	3	MOON BLAST 21 (Angmening Park Stud) Lady Herries 9-0, J Reid
210	(2)	3	OROMTES 7 (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-0
211	[1]	5	PALAESION 74 (Mass B Swite) G Balding 9-0 S Drowne
212	(14)		TOM TAILOR (GER) (A A Partners) D Essenth 9-0
213	[9]	5	MY HERO 12 (Peter Pepper Pariners) T Milks 8-9 B Doyle
214	m		SADDLERS' HOPE (Chereley Part Shut) J Farstrane 8-9 D Harrison
BETTI	NG: 3-	1 As Friend	ly, 5-1 Moon Blast, 6-1 Orontes, 7-1 Hatania, 8-1 Bubbly, Al Azhar, 10-7 others.
			1995: WINTER CLUARTERS 9-0 M (56s (11-2)) Balding 15 cm

BETTING: 3-1 Supermick, 7-2 Augustan, 5-1 Evidença in Chiel, 11-2 High Desire, 6-1 Achilles Heel. Reagonesque, 10-1 State Approval, 12-1 others.

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309	(3)	6D	SHERMA 54 (H Moore) Balding 8-3,	-
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FORM FOCUS

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claimer at Newmantel (Im., good to firm). ORARISE ORDER 8½/5 bit of 7 to Poddington in maiden at Lingdeld (Im. 11, good to firm). Selection: LEAR JET

7.20 LONDON IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB NURSERY SKY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,323: 61) (6 runners)

1995: JUST ICE 9-2 M Roberts (4-1) M Prescott 8 can **FORM FOCUS**

PELHAM 12'41 5th of 6 to Crystal Crossing in listed race at Newbury (6), good to firm). PETITE DANSEUSE 5'41 7th of 11 to Fredrik The Fierce in nursery at Gooderood (54, good to firm). SPAN-HARDS BM1 6'541 4th of 10 to Snock Value in maides at Newbarket (64, good to firm).

(3-Y-0: £5,375; 7f) (9 runners)

7.50 GUINNESS HANDICAP

SKY

| Solid | Soli BETTING: 11-4 Charlie Chung, 7-2 Danna Lura, 9-2 Amerianies, 5-1 Postry, Angaar, 10-1 My Mariam, 12-1 Mi Speaker, 14-1 others. 1995: WILD RICE 9-2 M Helb (5-2) G Wragg 7 ran

(£2,900; 5f) (9 runners)

BETTIMS: 11-4 Robelina, 5-1 Crosso Cyrmes, 11-2 Squire Corrie. Polly Golgithy, 6-1 Walk The Best, 7-1 John O'Dreams, 8-1 The Scythian, 12-1 others.

1995: MANE BANKER 9-8-11 G Bartwell (9-2) W Must 7 ran

FIRST TIME

☐ Alec Stewart is considering the group three Winter Hill Stakes at Windsor as the next aim for the recent Goodwood

RACELINE NEWCASTLE 102

(£2,381: 2m 9yd) (18) 1 0022 TEEN JAY 22 (5) B Liewellyn 6-9-10 2 352 MRZYAN 25 (£7,6) J Barks 8-9-10 3 265- 8NN AT THE TDP 379 J Honton 4-9-8 4 5450 AMMARSE 39 (8,CO,F) M Broton 6-8-11 J Carroll 5 - 413 WADADA 14 (4) D Bunchell 5-8-9 0 3000 GENESIS FOUR 18 (6) Mrs 1, Shibts 6-8-9 0 005 CLASSIC AFFAIR 13 R Horres 3-8-9 0 005 MASAN MAN 484 Mes. J Bower 5-8-7 9 0504 SANDICLIFFE 12 B Hills 3-8-5 10 500- 07ZIE JONES 2014 (F) N Bushings 5-8-5 10 500- 07ZIE JONES 2014 (F) N Bishings 5-8-5 11 /5 ERLEMO 413 (V) W Ctay 7-8-3 12 0043 MISS PRISM 12 J Dunloy 3-8-2 13 33333 TYPHAN 8 (F) B Busin 6-8-1 14 6-00 LA MERCHROUBNA 25 (D,6) D Maris 6-8-4 15 0-06 VICTORIA DAY 25 B Mickelmon 4-8-0 17 9000 LABAN 12 P Feligade 3-7-10 N Variey (3) 8 18 0-00 BALLAD RULER 1601 P Prictard 10-7-10 J O Humann (7) 9 9-2 Icen Jay, 5-1 Micyan, 11-2 Wadada, 6-1 Inn Al The Top, 7-1 Classic Albar. **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS: N Babbage, 3 wanner; from 5 namers, 60 0%, J Bants, 3 from 15, 20,0%; J Duslop, 21 from 108, 19 4%, B Hulet, 8 horn 42, 19,0%, A Basley, 3 from 20, 15,0%, H Thomson Jones, 3 from 22, 13 6%. 13 pts. JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 13 winners from 91 ndes, 14.3%; W Ryan, 13 from 154, 17.3%, K Failon, 11 from 96, 11 5%, J Weaver, 9 from 87, 10.3%, S Drowne, 7 from 68, 10.3%; M Fenton, 7 from 70, 10.0%. 9-2 Teen Jay, 5-1 Mizyan, 11-2 Wadada, 5-1 Inn Al The Top, 7-1 Classac Altan B-1 Miss Prism, 10-1 Thytan, 12-1 others

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton 2.00 (5f 59yd) 1. Skyers Flyer (N Connorton, 7-1), 2, Blazing Casile (10-1), 3, Bold Alman (4-1). Tear White 15-8 lav 7 ran, N-2 IR Thompson Tole, 26-90; 52-10, 24.50 DF- 537-80, CSF- 544.26 Tricast 5146.75 Gopt (11-2) withdrawn, nor under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 15p in pound

2.30 (7) 214yd) 1, Multi Franchise (B Doyle, 4-1), 2, Followithe Alisters (33-1), 3, Drublithel (11-2) Uncle George 7-4 lav 7 ran Ni. 2's B Gubby Tote: \$5.60, £2.60, £5.20 DF \$68.30, CSF, £71.77 3.00 (6) 209yd) 1, Kings Harmony (S Sandes, 11-6 fey; 2, Nory's Grab Hire (13-2): 3, Princesse Lyphard (14-1) 6 ran 3, 1%, PMakin Tote: £(80; £1.30, £2.30 DF: £4.40, CSF: £9,15.

3.30 (Im 3/ 196yd) 1, Canton Venture (W Woods, 11-4, Thunderer's nap); 2, Voices in The Sky (2-1 tav); 3, Fabutous Micto (5-1), 5 ran. 11, 134 | S Woods Tote 24.49; 22.20, 21.80, DF: £4.20 CSF £3.64 220, E1.80, UP* 93.20 CSF 130 b4
4.00 (1m 31 195yd) 1, Zelibe (J Cumn, 5-1):
2. Efficacious (13-2), 3. Flight Master (4-1)
Sesste Time 7-2 lav. 10 ran (H) 1/41. Mrs N
Macauley, Toter 16 70; 12.90, 12.00, 13 40
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Incast \$136 of No Did 4.30 (6) 209yd) 1, Sharp Imp (D Biggs. 13-2), 2. Creeking (15-8 tay); 3, Astral Invariet (8-1) 6 ran NR. Barbrailen •4, 1-4, R Flower Tole \$7.10, \$2.40, \$1.40 Df \$2.70, \$25, \$18.23, After a slewards Placepoit £1,308.00. Quadpoit £14.70.

Catterick Bridge Going: good to firm, firm in places

Scieng: guod to firm, firm in places 2.15 (1m 7t 177yd) 1, Feerless Wonder (F. Derky, 5-2); 2, Distant Storm (5-2), 3, Ricky Rose (6-5 lav) 6 tan 121 7t, Mrs M Reveley, Tote: °22.40; £1.50, £1.60, DF: £3.00, CSF-£8.99 No bid 2.45 (7) 1, My Godson (F Fellon, 11-4 lav) 2. Roseate Lodge (10-1); 3, Mess Pigalio (16-1); 4, Allinson's Mate (6-1); 18 ran 11. 1 M. J. Eyre, Tote: CS 00, £1 (0, £3 79)

C3 10, C2 40 DF C39 60 Tno C183 70 CSF C3C 89 Tncast C381 12 Cor 155: 88 Incast 1381 12 3.15 (7f) 1, Pentree House (F. Fallon, 1-2 fav); 2, Lucky Celwood (5-2); 3, Gralo Times (6-1) 3 ren 3-4, 191 B Hills Tole C1 30 DF 11 70 CSF 52 05 130 DF: £1.70 CSF £2.05
3.45 (Im 51.175yd) 1. Spirning Mouse (M. Ferrico, 8-4 ji-tav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2. Salverdale Knight (20-1); 3. Punch (20-1); 3. Punch (20-1); 4. Punch (20-1); 5. Punch (20

(no £2 60, CSP: £947). 4,45 (5) 1, Kalar (r. Darley, 13-8 lay); 2, The Instalute Boy (11-4). 3, Hamilton Gold (14-1), 3 ran NR: Imp Express 2t, 131 D Chapman Tote £2 80, £1 30, £1 10, £4,70, DF: (3 20 Tho £28 20 CSF: £6 82 Thoss).

Jeckpot £1,265.40. Placepot. £18.80. Quadpot: £4.00. Monday's

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£43.17.

Going: IIIII 6.10 (7) 214yd) 1, Prizefighter (O Peers, 11-8(av), 2 Euro Sceptic (8-1), 3, Generous Present (8-2), 6 ran Nk, 6l J Eyre Toler 52.80, 61.50, 53.80 DF: 512.20 CSF-

£11 39 6.40 (6) Colevol) 1. Miletnan Chy (J Cendil) 4-1), 2. Cancher Cub (13-8 fav); 3, La Frade 2-1) 5 Jan NR Forecast 51 31 1 J Benv Tote: £4.20 £2.80, £1.10 DF, £4.80 CSF 210.38 7.10 (6l 206yd) 1, Cee-Jay-Ay (P Roberts, 9-1), 2, Riccardon (4-1), 3, Diemond Grown (33-1) The Barnskey Belle 9-4 (ay 12 ran 1-4) 391 J Berry Tote 25:30 £2:00, 01:40, £3:10, DF £14:30 The £129:00 CSF £4191 Alter a siewards inquiry, resu stood 7.40 (1m 4l) 1, Deer Life (A Clart, 3-1), 2. Masker Hyde (11-4 k-13v); 3, Lord Advocale (10-1) Contraine 11-4 k-1av 5 ran 11, 44 Mrs J Cect. Tote £3 10; £2.30, £1.50 DF £7.20, £5F; £11.01 8.10 (5f) 1. Swino (J Fortune, 8-13 lav); 2, Red Romance (7-2); 3. Theworldtone (66-1), 5 ran. 7l, 4l, P Evans, Toter £1,40; £1.20, £2.30 DF £1.90 CSF £3.39.

8.40 (5f 207yd) 1, Newlands Corner (D Biggs, 4-1), 2, Fairy Prince (8-1); 3, Oaley (11-10 lay) 8 ran 5d, 3d JAketurist Toter (4-20; C1.10, S2.50, C1.30 DF 510 10 CSF: 933 97 Treast, £54 16 Placepot £49.80. Quadpot £6.70. Brighton

Going: firm 5.55 (7l 214yd) 1, Talethath (Jo Hunnam, 8-4 lay) 2, Fort knox (5-2), 3, Hang A Right (25-1), 5 ran 21 hd C Dwyer Tote, \$2,00; \$1.10 \$1.80 DF \$2.80 CSF \$5.25 6.25 (5) 59yd) 1, Alumishyah (T Curin, 7-2) 2, Feel A Line (15-2); 3, Ricasso (5-2 ji-lav) Ricerane Damond 5-2 ji-lav 7 ran. 11, 24), H 7bomson Jones Tote: 64 40; 52 10, 53,70 DF: 617,90 CSF: 626 13. 6.55 (Im 31 196yd) 1, General Glow (J. F. Egan 11-2), 2, Queen Bec (9-1), 3, Arcady (10-3), Nista's Star 3-1 law 6 ran 13, 3-1 P. Evans. Tote: 58.00, £2.90, £3.10 DF. \$132.90 CSF \$40.77

7.25 (Im 1) 209vd) 1, Nelly's Cousin (Dane O'Noil, 13-8 (ar), 2, Anal-Yu (S-2); 3, Alstars Express (S-2) 5 (an St. 3), N Cellsonan Tote: (25 0, C1 10, £1 30 DF £220 CSF £5 50 7 55 (5) 213/d) 1, Talahhus (J Stack, 7-4 tay); 2, Waders Dream (20-1); 3, Dahiyah (100-30) 7 ran 3-4, 1-41 M Polgiase Tole 52 50, 52 00, 53 60 DF 52 2 80 CSF 52 7 72, Bought in 5,200gns. 8.25 (7) 214yd) 1, Sylvan Princess (Martin Dwyer, 11-10 faz, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Flying Handid (14-1); 3, Princess Paringsidy (3-1) 9 faz 2-4, shid C Allen Toto (2-00; 51 10, 53 30, 51 40 DF £12 30 Tiro £8 50 CSF £15 98

Placepot, £137.90. Quadpot: £22.70.

2.30 NORTHERN RACING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,957; 71) (8 runners) 5-2 Top DI The Wind. 3-1 Sites's My Rey, 7-2 Our Februe, 4-1 Skellon Sovereign, 7-1 Run Lucy Run, 8-1 Capun Sunser, 18-1 others 3.00 GOSFORTH APPRENTICE SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,169: 1m 4f 93yd) (7)

1 3133 RASTIME CDWGIRL 8 (D.F.) C Thorston 8-13... D Seventey 5
2 0404 BOY BLANCHEY 11 (B) Mrs 5 Smath 8-12... C Lowther (5) 1
3 0525 HE'S GOT WANSS 13 (V,BF) M Bell 8-12... G Fandaner 3
4 4-0 SLEFPY BOY 30 W Stoney 8-12... Mora Wandt 5
3 3408 WHAT JAN WAMTS 19 J. D Redil 8-12 ... S Copp 4
6 DODD BRIGHT PET 12 Mrs 5 Smith 8-7 ... Angela Gallimore (3) 2
7 00 CAMERION EDGE 12 A Multipliand 8-7 ... C Adamson 6
8 Mrs Coll Wang J. Bertone County 2-2 What I m Wang 5-1 Bridge But 1 9-4 He's Got Wings, 3-1 Raghme Cowgel, 7-2 What Jen Wents, 5-1 Bright Pet, 8-1 Carneron Edge, 10-1 Boy Blatency, 66-1 Steepy Boy 3.30 UTTOXETER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,589; 6() (5) 1 03 AURELIAN 13 M Bail 9-0 M Fention 3
2 6 KRYSTAL DAVEY 48 1 Barron 9-0 J Fortune 3
3 SAD MAD BAD M Johrson 9-0 K Darby 4
4 3 HEAD GRAL 10 T Dennium 8-9 A MacLing 5
5 52 MYSTIC CIRCLE 35 (BF) J Waits 8-9 N Comportion 1 9-4 Aureban, 11-4 Sad Mad Bad, 3-1 Head Gat, 9-2 Mystic Circle, 6-1 Krystal

4.00 ZANUSSI APPLIANCE OF SCIENCE LIMITED 11-4 White Plains, 3-1 Hareb, Tissue Of Lies, 7-2 Call Me. 5-1 Smarter Charter,

4.30 ZAHUSSI/NORTHERN ELECTRIC HANDICAP

2-1 Keston Pond, 7-2 Quilding, 4-1 Sansplom, 6-1 Bazen, 7-1 Tukkers Folly, 8-1 Cavers Yangous 20-1 Kid Oxy 5.00 st modwen handicap (£2,879: 2m 19yd) (7)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 10 womens from 42 armers, 23.8%, C Thorston, 6 from 38, 15.6%; P Caber, 4 from 26, 15.4%, M Johnston, 20 from 131, 15.3%, M Easterby, 7 from 69, 10.1%, Only qualifiers. JOCKEYS: M Ferion, 7 womers from 25 rides, 28.0%; J Weaves, 18 from 100, 18.0%, N Connector, 12 from 76, 15.5%, N Dailey, 26 from 207, 12.6%, J Fortune, 12 from 100, 12.0%; K Fallon, 15 from 139, 10.8%

Eddery misses out

PAT EDDERY missed a winning ride on Kings Harmony, the 11-8 favourite, in the Hanningtons of Brighton Handicap yesterday. Eddery missed out because his private aircraft was being repaired but his deputy. Seb Sanders, was equal to the task. Kings Harmony led after a furlong and then forged clear in the straight to beat Ivory's Grab Hire by three lengths.

2.15 RINGMER SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2.070: 5f 213vd) (5 runners) (4) 005 GROVEFAR (AD 46 (B) B Meetran 8-11 ... B Doyle 89 (1) 8400 SPARICY 13 (B) M W Eastarby 8-11 ... J F Egan 85 (2) 032 BREFRN B (BF) C Allen 8-6 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 6543 DOZEN ROSES 11 (B) T Jones 8-5 ... R Pertan 88 (3) 0050 MY PRECIOUS 18 M McCormeck 8-6 ... J Raid 89 2-1 Grovelak Lad, 3-1 Brefin, 7-2 Sparky, 4-1 Dozen Roses, 11-2 My Precious 2.45 MARINA MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,261: 6f 209yd) (7). 5-4 Brandon Jack, 5-1 Myzlic Quest, 6-1 Chopin, 7-1 Carlouche, 8-1 Sheer Face, Swallow Breeze, 16-1 Herbstein Danser. 3.15 TOTE SPRINT HANDICAP (£4,308: 5l 213yd) (8) 1 (6) 1621 TAFAHRUS 2 (B.CD.F) M Polylass 4-10-2 (7ex) J Stack 92 2 (8) 3011 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 13 (CD.F.G) R 0 Suffices 8-9-10 3 (3) 1301 ALWAYS SRACE 9 (CD,F,E) Miss G halloway 4-9-9 (ret) R Continuon 92 (3) 1307 ALWAYS ISRACE 9 (CD.); (5) Miss. 6 halleway 4-9-9 (Yex) R Codriana 92 (4) 2320 RED ADWRRAL (5) D.F.(5) C hauray 6-9-6 ... M Tebburs 95 (7) 1002 MELLORS 13 (D.6) J Tolky 3-9-2 ... S Sanders 96 (1) 2222 YO NRH-B 7 (8F.F.(5) T Naughton 5-8-9 ... C Duffield (5) (3) 3523 ABLE SHERBF 14 (B.) M W Essetby 4-8-9 ... J F Egan 97 (2) 0531 SHAPP MP (1 (B.CD.F.(6) R Hower 5-9-1 (Yex) D Biggs 85 3-1 Tatahtus, 7-2 Always Grace, 4-1 Crystel Heights, Mediors, 6-1 Able Sherift, Vo. Kirl-B, 8-1 others 3.45 Brighton Summer Handicap (£2,381: 1m 1f 209yd) (11)

4.15 CLIFTONVILLE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,381: 1m 3f 196yd) (5) (5) 50-6 THE LEGIONS PRIDE 18 J Hills 9-0 J Rold 80 (2) 0524 TYPHOON LAD 30 5 Dow 9-0 S Sanders 88 (3) -000 AMMATION 22 (C) K McAuthle 8-9 S Dortleid 79 (1) 4- PINC CREPS, 37 1 Belling 9-9 T Dolling 90 (4) 0433 SOUTH WIND 11 Mers J Casal 8-9 A Clark 90 6-4 Pilos Crock, 2-1 Typhoon, Lad. 7-2 South Wind. 7-1 The Legions Pride, 16-1

4.45 LEVY BOARD MAIDER HANDICAP (£2,881; 6f 209yd) (10) (3) 3445 VELVET JONES 7 & Charles-Jones 3-9-11 T Chairn (6) 0500 OFFICE HOURS 51 C Cyce 4-9-9 P Bloomfield (2) 2255 PLAGSTAPF 1 (V) 6 L Moore 3-9-7 J Desnis (7) 91 (2) 6266 MYSTERY MATTHMS 7 (V) Miss B Sanders 3-9-4 6 Duffseld (10) 0000 CURRENT LEADER 37 Mes K George 3-6-7 R Potca (9) 2630 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 18 (B) N Lutrooder 7-8-5 T 6 McLaughlin (10)

(B) 606 HAPPY VENTURER 17 C Morray 3-8-4 Declar D'Shea 99 (7) 0500 DANTEAN 27 (8) R D'Sullivae 4-8-1 S Sandets 89 (1) 0003 WELCOME LU 13 J L Harris 3-7-12. F Notton 96 11-4 Mystery Metitiess, 3-7 Hageletif, 7-2 Veinet Jones, 6-1 Clifice Hours, Welcome Lu. 10-1 Have A Nightcap, 12-1 others

5.15 EDBURTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,934: 51 59yd) (6)

7-4 Cadeau Elegant, 3-1 School Boy, 7-2 Memphic Beau, 5-1 Hamer's Beau, 10-1 Double Impression, 12-1 Mac Cates **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS: M Prescott, 17 Moners from 56 runners, 29 3%, R Flower, 7 June 33, 21.2%, Miss 6 Referency, 8 from 41, 19.5%; N Callaghan, 6 from 31, 19 4%, M Jarvis, 5 from 28, 17 9%.

JOCKEYS: T Ourns, 47 winners from 236 rides, 19.5%; 6 Duffield, 20 from 103, 19.4%. S Sandets, 10 from 52, 19.2%; D Harrison, 12 from 74, 16.2%, J Reid, 22 from 142, 15.5%; B Doyle, 13 from 91, 14.3%.

BRIGHTON 101 KEMPTON 103 203 NOTT'HAM 104 204 FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168 handicap winner, Fahim.

CRICKET: LUSH HEADINGLEY OUTFIELD MAY OFFER BEST HOPE OF BLUNTING PAKISTAN'S PACE ATTACK

Lloyd poised to take control of England's destiny



DAVID LLOYD looked forward yesterday not only to the second Test against Pakistan, which begins at Headingley tomorrow, but also to the land that lies beyond. Lloyd, appointed England coach in April on a summer contract, has verbally agreed to take England to Zimbabwe and New Zealand this winter and expects written confirmation, and an extension of his position, before the

"A couple of years would be nice,", he said after rain curtailed England's net session. A two-year contract, in accordance with the Acfield Report.

would give Lloyd the job for next summer's Ashes series, a winter tour to the West Indies, five Tests against South Africa in 1998 and a return to Australia. The next World Cup takes

place in England in 1999. It was widely expected that Lloyd would remain in office so long as he did not mess things up this summer, and he has made a good impression in the dressing-room. England won the one-day series against India 2-0 and, by winning at Edgbaston, they edged the Test series. But they lost at Lord's two weeks ago, as another three-Test series started, against Pakistan, and expect the second Test to be played on a well-grassed pitch.

scription of coach, Lloyd will effectively become the team manager. Raymond Illingworth, who resigned that position after the World Cup. stands down as chairman of selectors next month, leaving Lloyd in a position of considerable, if not absolute, power. In the reconstituted

players easier," he said. Yesterday, as the Pakistanis went home without knocking up. and England abandoned their practice when the rain returned, the pitch sweated under its covers. Further rain is forecast today, which can only make the outfield lusher than it

selection panel, the coach might not

have a vote, and that is fine by Lloyd.

"It might make my position with the

difficult to scuff which might reduce the effectiveness of the Pakistan attack. On such slender threads do England's hopes rest.

We are not worried about Pakistan," Lloyd said, "though of course we respect them and I know, from talking to Wasim, that they respect us. So far they have won one Test out of three, and it would be terrific to go down to the Oval one each."

To win at Headingley, England will have to counter the swing bowling of Waqar Younis more confidently than they did at Lord's. where he took four wickets in each innings and cut a swath through some feeble batting on the last day after England had reached lunch with only man out. Alec Stewart, who batted No 3 there, will partner Michael Atherton at the head of the innings this time, with John Crawley replacing Hick at No 5.

In an attempt to replicate the fuller length that Waqar favours, Lloyd used a bowling machine in the nets yesterday, which propelled composition balls at a pace approaching 75 miles per hour, a shade short of Waqar's fastest. England's batsmen have been given a crash course in blocking yorkers but, as Lloyd admitted, there is not much a coach can do to alter techniques, such as "picking up" a bat, that have developed over



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Stewart: opening innings

Counties face up to life without overseas players

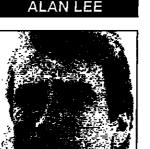
THE day when English crick-et emboldens itself to get by without overseas players has surely been advanced by the farce in store next Tuesday. when both Yorkshire and Essex must consult weather forecasts before deciding whether their Australians can be selected on one of the most prestigious days of the domes-

This particular dilemma. created by Australia's intended involvement in a one-day tournament in Sri Lanka, did not come as a surprise to the counties concerned, for whom it has long been a calculated risk. But it is symptomatic of the wider problem of shrinking availability of foreign players due to the expansion of the international calendar.

Michael Bevan, of Yorkshire, and Stuart Law, of Essex, must fly out of Heathrow Airport on Tuesday evening. Both counties asked the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) for 24 hours' grace but the requests have so far been refused. Hence, if poor weather threatens the NatWest Trophy semi-finals, at Old Trafford and the Oval, the clubs must either leave out their overseas player or risk completing the game with ten

The unsatisfactory nature of this is exacerbated by the strong possibility that the ACB will cancel the Sri Lankan trip on security grounds, after a meeting with the chosen players. Bevan and Law would then return to England, at the expense of their counties, both of whom remain in contention for at least two of the domestic honours.

This, however, is no isolated incident. Sri Lanka, frustrated by the lack of international opposition during their own



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scheduling series in August and September. Pakistan also host international cricket in September while, at the beginning of each English season, West Indies — shortly to put their leading players under binding contracts - are extending their domestic programme in addition to their regular April and May Test



Bevan: Ashes candidate

next spring and also have commitments later in the English summer. This has effectively ended negotiations between Middlesex and Javagal Srinath, India's new-hall bowler. Middlesex were interested in signing Srinath for the next two years but the vage bill would have been and his availability

No more than half the 18 first-class counties have overseas players engaged for next season and most now accept that the leading cricketers of the world are not a viable proposition. Yorkshire, seeking a replacement if Bevan is required for the Ashes tour of England, have discounted a return by Sachin Tendulkar. who played for them in 1992. "He has too much cricket to play for India," Chris Hassell. the Yorkshire chief executive. said. "It's a non-starter."

Agents acting for Waqar Younis, of Pakistan, will demand a high price for a quality product. Durham are pursuing an interest but Surrey, Wagar's old county. are not yet committed to trying to re-engage him. Their finwere burnt when, through injury and unavailability, he failed to play a single game in either 1994 or 1995, and they will not readily

go down that road again. Even Essex, traditional supporters of the overseas market and a club who have made few errors of judgment within it. are expressing doubts. "They have become a bit of a problem," Peter Edwards, the Essex general manager, said. The amount of international cricket is eating ever more into our season and making it very difficult to find a suitable

overseas player. Law has done marvellously for us. Some of our members were dubious and already made II centuries.

But it is an expensive exercise and it comes at a very bad

told us we didn't know what we were doing, but he has "We will look to bring him back for our last two championship games - even if the Sri Lanka tour goes ahead.

The Test and County Cricket Board plans a moratorium on overseas players in 1999, a chance for counties to assess life without them. With each passing week, the prospects of it becoming a permanent ban are increasing.

THE all-round talents of Dan-

over contest.



Aggression saves day

LENSBURY (India won toss): India beat England by one

IF CONFIRMATION were ever required that boys grow to cricketing maturity considerably more rapidly in India than they do in England, then this was the ground to be on yesterday. Not that this always makes them more effective. The opening match in the Lombard under-15 World Cup was not decided until the final

No matter that these boys from India knew little of English pitches and still less of life beyond the sub-continent. Their party consists not merely of small, guileful spinners but of strapping boys who bowl more quickly than their years would suggest they can and who strike the ball handsomely off the front foot withbothering to play

It would be best not to speculate on their chances of

Wilson makes an impression

winning this inaugural World Cup just yet. They have to play West Indies today and may well come up against a fascinating Pakistan side later in the fortnight. A collection of boys led by a relative of Javed Miandad and including the sons of Majid Khan and

Abdul Qadir should be quite something. Some 400 spectators, mostly parents, came to this attractive riverside ground yesterday. The England hierarchy of David Lloyd and Micky Stewart is expected within the next two weeks, as indeed is Michael Atherton. Terry Venables. who knows a thing or two about coaching, will be speak-

ing at a dinner this evening. So these boys have opportunities quite unknown to their predecessors. They will have, of course, to contend with their techniques being analysed by Geoffrey Boycott in the televised semi-finals and final, but there are worse things than that. Hubert Doggart, president of the English Schools

"This has come as a dynamic opportunity. It is self-evidently exciting and the result of some special relationships. Even ten years ago, this competition

had not been considered." This is a talented Indian side; and aggressive. They looked, in short, more of a team than did England. "You could find a Tendulkar among these boys," Sarkar Telwar, their coach, said, and it was not in lest. Standards and

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G Bridge run out B Stewart c Christia b Sodisi Estres (w. 11, nb.6)

Umplies D Bushell and A Rook

M Powell and B Murray did not bal. FALL OF WCKETS 1-28, 2-43, 3-121, 4-140, 5-208, 6-215, 7-20, 8-21 BOWLING G Singh 10-1-48-0, Raman 11-1-32-2, Sodin 11-4-35-2, M Singh 3-1-9-0, Ganda 11-0-41-0, Mahajan 5-1-17-0, Kad 4-28-1

Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)

enthusiasm for the game at - India put England they have always been.

Each state has 20 coaches, appointed by the Government, to travel around the schools. The boys are accustomed to playing limited-overs matches. What is more, they have a est cricketers.

number of sponsors, most of whom have been organised by Kapil Dev, one of their great-

SCOREBOARD FROM LENSBURY G I Singh c Adams b Byng R Singh run oul R Sodh b Stewart M kail c Adams b Stewart B Chandra c Loudon b Bindge Ganda run out V Mahajan noi out ... G Singh low b Bridge †P Chawla run out

M Singh c Powell b Bridge R Raman not out Eviras (b 3, w 11) Total (54.3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-58 2-107 3-133 4-155 5-156 6-181 7-208 8-208 9-209 BOWLING: Stewart 11-3-44-2, Bridge 10-3-1-37-3, Powell 11-1-35-0, Murray 11-2-37-0, Byng 7-0-54-1, Loudon 4-0-12-0

this age level in India are, he through preference of chasing feels, no different from what a target rather than any particular opinion about the pitch. They ensured the total they required would be within their compass. England, led by an Etonian in Loudon. whom Kent will have their eye on, gained their runs chiefly through half-centuries from Adams and Francis, a lefthander from King Edward VI, Southampton, a school which

> gifted cricketers. Yet, for stroke play that was in turn felicitous and audacious, the Indians could not be compared. The Singhs - no relations - who opened the batting typified their cricket. They put on 58 for the first wicket, whereupon Sodhi. the captain, came in and played two shots, a glance for four to fine leg and a drive to the longon boundary, that were truly classy. He contributed 30, Gagan Sing 54, and victory was achieved with three balls remaining. Mahajan hitting a six off Bridge's final over.

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SCOREBOARD FROM CHELMSFORD

ny Wilson failed to halt the progress of the South Africa A team at Chelmsford yesterday. *G F J Liebenberg at Railors when Essex finished II runs short of their target in a 50-Boje b Such Pothas not out . .

Wilson, 19, making his senior debut, impressed with the bat during an unbeaten innings of 52 after taking two South African wickets with his Total (6 wkts. 50 overs) . medium-paced bowling. Yet Essex's pursuit of the South African total of 287 for six ended in defeat with six wick-Grayson 10-0-53-1; Wilson 6-0-40-2

Wilson hit one six and three fours in an entertaining innings and most of his runs came during an unbeaten stand of 80 in ten overs with Mark flott, who scored 42 not out having faced only 27 balls.

The South Africans, who were defending an unbeaten record on their present tour, owed much to their captain, Gerry Liebenberg. He scored 73 from 86 balls but, just when he was looking to step up the scoring rate, he was smartly stumped down the leg side by Robert Rollins to provide Wilson with his first success.

Liebenberg's main support came from Herschelle Gibbs, who scored 48 during a secat Chester-le-Street next week.

ESSEX
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16 J Rofins c Gibbs b Boye 31
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P J Prichard c Boye b Smith 27
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Tatel (6 with 50 cms)

December 1 regions 73
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H Gibbs b Grayson 49
Ackerman c Rollins b Wisson 17
N Crookes run out 31

M W Pringle, P R Adams and G J Smith did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-124, 3-154, 4-169, 5-215, 6-250 BOWLING: list: 9-0-50-0, Andrew 9-0-39-1; Ayers 6-0-47-0 Such 10-0-50-1;

ond-wicket stand that pro-

his ability in the field by

taking a fine catch low down

Jonathan Lewis for 48 when

Essex were threatening to gain

After Lewis's departure, Es-

sex were kept in check until

duced 103 in 16 overs.

FALL OF WINELTS [44], 2488, 3-140, 4-145, 5-150, 6-196 BOWLING Pringle 10-1-34-0, Smith 9-0-47-1, Klusener 10-2-58-0; Gibbs 2-0-16-1, Adams 7-0-36-2, Bore 7-0-43-2, Crookes 5-0-23-0 Umpres: J D Bond and R Palmer The Surrey batsman Alistair Brown and Simon Liebenberg then underlined Brown, the Durham fast bowler, are in the TCCB side and Sussex have three repreat short mid-wicket to remove sentatives, with Danny Law, tipped for a place on the England A tour to Australia in

the winter, travelling north

with Ian Salisbury and Alan

Wells, Adam Hollioake will

Total (6 witts, 50 overs)276 D W Ayers, S J W Andrew and P M Such

dud not bus FALL OF WICKETS 1-41, 2-88, 3-140.

Wilson and flott came togethcaptain the side. er to set up an exciting finish. TCCB XI (from): R R Mentgomene (Northemptenshire) M A Butcher (Surrey), A P Welts (Suscen), A D Brown (Surrey), A P Hollinake (Surrey, Capi), J A D Deley (Durham), R J Rollins (Esser) I D K Seliabury (Suscen), S J E Brown (Durham), P D Collingwood (Durham), D R Law (Surscer), A P Cowan (Eugar) The South Africans will face some of England's finest prospects when they meet a Test and County Cricket Board XI

Surrey aim to keep up pressure SURREY, lying third in the

Britannic Assurance Championship, will be looking to add impetus to their title challenge when they take on Lancashire at Southport today.

Both teams are without key players, who will be on Test duty at Headingley tomorrow. Surrey lose their captain, Alec Stewart, as well as Chris Lewis and Graham Thorpe. while Lancashire take the field without the two Test captains. Michael Atherton and Wasim Akram, and John Crawley.

Surrey are led by Adam Hollioake. Neil Fairbrother returns for Lancashire after missing the past two championship games with a calf injury and the off spinner, Gary Yates, an ever-present in Lancashire's one-day team this season, is included in the squad and could be in line for his championship debut. 🛘 Paul Śmith, 32, the Warwickshire all-rounder who has been with the county since

1982, has asked to be released

from the last two months of

his contract.

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

I S Ganguly (India)

2 H H Gibbri (South Africa A)

3 S Leo (Somerset)

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5 G P Thorpe (Surrey)

6 D N Crookes (South Africa A)

7 Inzamam-ut-Haq (Pakestan)

8 A J Holkoakio (Surrey)

9 M P Maynard (Glamorgan)

10 K M Cuman (Northants)

11 W S Kendati (Hampshire) 748 150

M G Bevan (Yorkshire)
S R Tendulkar (India)
M A Butcher (Surrey)
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S P Trichard (Lancachire) 1298 172 1225 160° 707 177 1269 160 379 95° 629 163

Qualification: 20 wickets

☐ Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

Batting

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GOLF

Pretenders' chance

to bridge the

generation gap

From John Hopkins, golf correspondent, in louisville, kentuckt

determining who becomes

champion on Sunday. "You

could lose a small dog in there. Gary McCord, the

America television commenta-

tor joked. "They've got some

hay out there that you do not

want to spend any time in,"

throw up another of those men

destined to be labelled "The

Next Generation" as if they

are members of some pop

group or other. This is the

category of players who are

perhaps good enough to win a

major championship but have

not yet done so. Tom Lehman

was one such until he won the

Other Americans in this

category include Justin Leon-

ard, who won his first tourna-

ment as a professional last

Sunday, Phil Mickelson, David Duval, 14th in the

Open, and Steve Stricker, who

was 22nd. None is yet 30 and

nor is Tim Herron, the prodi-

giously long hitter who won

the Honda Classic in March.

Such is his promise that Tiger

Woods, the amateur, cannot

At this moment only two

Europeans look ready and

able to carry the banner of

European golf into the millen-

nium and beyond - Colin

in June, made a solid, if not

spectacular start to the one

iunior title to have eluded her

Hudson was runner-up two

ears ago and a beaten semi-

finalist last August. She is the

main hope of Britain in the

championship this week and

started with a four-over-par

75, which meant she required

another solid performance to

go through to the matchplay

Brymhill club in Barry, who

last week won the Welsh title

for the third time in four years.

made virtually certain of

going through with steady

, crom une

in an impressive career.

be excluded either.

Estrada throws down

continental challenge

CONTINENTAL players the United States at Killarney

The next four days may

Payne Stewart said.

Open last month.

Montgomerie, 33, and José

Maria Olazabal. Sadly, the

Spaniard, 30 earlier this year,

shows no signs of recovering

from rheumatoid arthritis in

his feet sufficiently to rejoin

his rivals in the world of

Montgomerie's age may

place him at the older end of

the spectrum of those who

have yet to win a major

championship, but perfor-

mances such as tying with

Steve Elkington and losing

this title in a play-off last year

suggest that it is only a matter

of time before he wins a major

championship.
On a flight into Louisville on

Monday night, Montgomerie

and Woosnam sat up in the

front of the plane while Lang-

er. inconspicuous in jeans.

trainers and tinted glasses.

seemed crunched, frail and

middle-aged in a window seat

near the back. Later the German said that he was

better but not yet fully recov-

ered from the left shoulder

injury that had caused him to withdraw from the Open three

Standing there in the mill-

ing crowd of the airport

searching for a trolley on

which to carry his luggage to a

courtesy car. Langer looked

his age - 38. He was not the golden hero of years gone by. He, Woosnam, 38, and

Ballesteros, 39, are all now in

the senior generation, capable

of contending only occasional-

that the sand in their hour

glasses is running out is Nick

Faldo, who was 39 on the first

Faldo, the Masters champi-

on, has been in Florida prac-

tising under the eye of David

Leadbetter for one week, play-

before it became too hot. He,

as well as anyone, knows how

time is running out for him.

"I don't have any problems getting mentally into the

mode, but physically it's some-

times very difficult," Faldo

the clock running down and

your swing is not right and

that is frustrating. That is

always the toughest bit, get-

ting the golf swing right at the

early in the mornings

day of the Open.

the exception to the rule

THE US PGA Championship

is distinctive for a number of

reasons. In recent years it has

upgraded itself from its status

as the least important of the

four major championships to

an event worthy of its position

in the professional game. It is

now on a par with the three

other majors and attracts one

of the most competitive fields

of the year, though a spate of

withdrawals this week, includ-

ing Severiano Ballesteros,

Sandy Lyle and Barry Lane,

has diminished the event's

The PGA starting near here tomorrow, the 78th in all, is

being held at the pretentious-

ly-titled Valhalla club. The

club, with a course designed

by Jack Nicklaus, is 15 miles

south-east of the city that was

the birthplace of Cassius Clay

and now honours him with a

road named Muhammad Ali

Kentucky, though, is a state

better known for fried chicken.

horse racing and bluegrass

than for zero irons, titanium

shafts and golfers. Bluegrass

rough, which really does

appear to the eye to have a

tinge of blue in it, may sound

as innocuous as a plant or a

flower, but it grows virulently

at Valhalla and will undoubt-

edly play a part in

dominated the first qualifying

round of the Girls' British

Open Amateur Golf Champ-ionship in wet and miserable

conditions at Formby

Maria Estrada, of Spain, led the way with a splendid 69,

two under par, and then

followed girls from France,

Denmark and Spain before

the first Britons, Kirsty Tav-

lor, of Sandford Springs, and

Emma Weeks, of Bramshott

shire teenager who last week

retained her English girls title

and was a reserve for the

Great Britain and Ireland

Curtis Cup team which beat

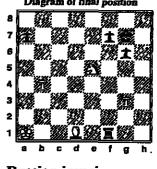
Rebecca Hudson, the York-

yesterday.

lustre somewhat.



British Championship, Notting-



Russian invasion

The United States has proved an attractive locale for departing Russian and ex-Soviet grandmasters.
As if to emphasise this the annual US Championship, which finished recently in Parsippany contained no less than II former Russian or Soviet players out of total of 14. The new US champion is Alex Yermolinsky, who scored 9/13, followed by Gulko and Kaidanov on 8, with Ivanov on 7.5.

New Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from International Grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at 56.99+p&p).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Bagirov — Nikolajevski, Erevan 1959, Black has a powerful concentration of force against the white king, but he must continue

carefully. For example, 1 ... Bxh3 looks strong but is well met by 2

Solution on page 42

opening race. They led to 1.500 metres, before an eye-catching last 500 from Schulte and Prevot, the experienced Frenchmen, relegated them to second place and a repechage Sue Appelboom, who fin-

ished third in her lightweight sculls heat, knew that Constanta Burcica, of Romania, an Atlanta Olympic double

not seem to deter Hall. "It will

be pay-back time on Sunday."

The men's heavyweight

coxed pair of Dave Beckley

and Damian West, an Oxford

Blue of earlier this year.

threatened to achieve another

first place for Britain in the

she confidently predicted.

Ba2

32 axb4

33 Poch1

37 Bf3

38 Bxd1

route to the final.

8:13. WOMEN'S SINGLE SCULLS: Qualifiers for semi-finals: Heat one: France 8.04. Heat two: United States 7:53. Heat three: Potant 8 07; Great Britan (Appelboom) 8:11, goes to repechage

MEN'S SNGLE SCULLS: Qualifiers for semi-finals: Heat one: United States 7.14 Heat 2 Denmark 7 10 Heat three fussia 7 13. Heat four: Czech Republic 7-18; Great Britain (Long) 7:21 goes to reprechange. repechage.
MEN'S OUAD SCULLS: Qualifiers for sami-finals; Heat one: Ireland 6 09;

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

In the first round of the British

Championship, at present in progress at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham.

the favourites all won comfortably.

though Matthew Sadler, the defending champion had to endure

some anxious moments before notching the full point.

Grandmaster Mark Hebden de-leated Roland Cole, grandmaster John Emms deleated James Vigus,

while 12-year-old prodigy, Luke McShane, also opened with a

victory, in his case against Alan

Torre attack

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Bb7

Nd5

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Nb4

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Cxd7

Qe8

Nc3

hog6

Spice.

2 N/3

3 Bg5 4 e3

5 exd4

6 Bd3

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9 Bye7

10 g3 11 Qe2

17 Rhe1

19 Nce5

25 h5

26 Rh1

27 hxg6 28 bxc3

White: James Cobb

ham, August 1996

Black: Matthew Sadler

Favourites win

than seven weeks ago, when

they just failed to qualify for

Atlanta as a double scull. They

led from the first stroke and

the experienced Brownless

said afterwards: "We knew we

had it, and it then became a

case of conserving energy and

The world champions from

the Unites States won the

other heat, faster at every

Czech Republic 6 11. Great Britain 6 13. Heat two: Germany 6 12. United States 6 13: Denmark 6.15 Heat three: Italy 6 09; France 6 09; Austria 6 12.

RESULTS FROM STRATHCLYDE

remaining relaxed.

semi-finals: Heat one: Denmark 701. Italy 7:07; Czech Republic 713 Heat two: Ireland 6:58; Germany 7:00; Sweden 7:03 Heat three: Australia 6:58, France

WOMEN'S COXLESS PAIRS: Qualifiers for final: Heat one: United States 8 09 Heat 2: Great Britain (Brownless and Hall) 8:13.

could be a problem in her first race, but Burcica, Appelboom and the crowd were awestruck by the speed of the unheralded Sarah Garner, from the United States.

IN BRIEF

Golf bids for 2004 **Olympics**

GOLF may be included in the Olympic Games of 2004, despite the failure of the sport to make it, as

planned, to Atlanta this Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and the World Amateur Golf Council, which was formed with the Olympics in mind. said yesterday that talks were likely with representatives of the International Olympic Committee later in the year, but that the

sport would not be included at Sydney in It still has to be decided whether golf in the Olympics should be a profes-

sional or amateur event. Jackman win

Squash: Cassie Jackman. from Norfolk, reached the semi-finals of the Australian Open in Melbourne with a 9-2, 9-0, 10-8 defeat of Linda Charman, from Sussex. She will next meet the No I seed and world champion. Michele Mar-

tin, of Australia.

Snow progress Real Tennis: Julian Snow. the British No I, reached the quarter-final of the Australian Open, beating Peter Mearest, of Australia, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0. The world champion. Robert Fahey. dismissed the Melbourne professional. Adam Mickelburough, for the loss of only three games.

Len Coldwell

'Cricket: Len Coldwell, the former England and Worcestershire fast bowler, has died aged 63. He spent 14 years at New Road and was a member of Worcestershire's first championship-winning side in 1964.

rounds of 76 and 75. The feast of sport that leaves you fit to burst

right time."

T f sport be the food of life, play on! Give me excess of it! Though, come to think of it, excess is exactly what we have all just had. It has been more than just a lot of events: this has been the greatest

concentration of sport in I carry a notebook to events. in which I write great thoughts and, occasionally, the score, along with the odd bird list and hectoring reminders about the dentist and doing my expenses. It normally takes me six months to fill a book. I have filled the last one in just eight weeks and with scarcely a single moment for

such private concerns as All this without going to a Test match, or even a High Court. Nor have I been to the British Grand Prix. Henley. Royal Ascot, or the Open golf. Most of the usual staples of

the great summer of sport have passed me by. I have been to the European football championship. Remember that? I scarcely can myself. I am still in Atlanta. a city in which no one has heard of Gazza. Then came two weeks of Wimbledon: those with long memories will remember Henmania and the

march of the unknowns. Then to Atlanta for the Olympic Games, a week of phoney war and previews. followed by the quadrennial 17-day orgy of actual sport and, in the middle of it all, the sports editor suggests I go to the Charity Shield. You are familiar, no doubt, with the painting entitled "The Olympic Journo Asked to Cover the Charity Shield": Edvard Munch was the artist.

continuation of the madness? And, if so, is there no end to it? For the pace really is hotting up. More and more sport. more and more televised sport, more and more sport in newspapers. Is our appetite for the stuff insatiable? It seems so - and yet, I wonder. One thing that makes

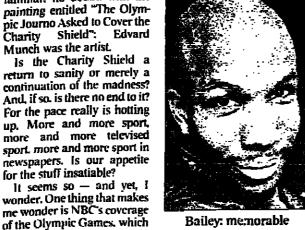




Midweek View was dominated, not by live action — the one thing television does supremely - but sentimental featurettes about competitors. In other words, coverage was aimed at the 20 per cent of the audience who did not really care, in the sure and happy knowledge that the other 80 per cent

would watch anyway. Viewing figures soared. True, in order to attract the fringe, you must betray your heartland — but numbers are everything, so stuff the heartland. This is something that happens in all areas of sporting life, not merely in its media coverage

The FA Carling Premiership has football clubs that the fans cannot afford to go and watch - or, even if they could afford, they cannot get tickets.



Bailey: memorable

Test matches cater for corporate guests first, life-long cricket enthusiasts second.

By MIKE ROSEWELL

ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE lightweight eight from

Denmark not only underlined

their status as world champi-

ons but their ability to stay

cool under pressure on the

first day of the world champi-

onships at Strathclyde vester-

day, when an inspired British

challenge pushed them to the

Great Britain produced a

blistering first 1,000 metres,

relegating the Danes to fourth

place. At 1,500 metres, the

British were still leading, but

the world champions had

overtaken the Americans and Japanese and were pressing

Britain, who were, ominously.

minute. Britain's last 500 me-

tres took Imin 32sec; the

Danes clocked 1:28 and were a

Lennie Robertson, the Brit-

ish coach, offered no excuses

length clear at the line.

limit of their resources.

afterwards. "We went out to

beat them and failed; we live

to fight another day," he said.

That other day could be Sun-

day's final, assuming the eight

reaches the last six in an

incredibly close field. Italy and

Germany went faster than

Of the nine British crews

racing yesterday, six. includ-ing the eight, will have to face

repechages. The direct pro-

HEAVYWEIGHTS

MEN'S COXED PAIRS: Qualifiers for final: Heat one: France 7/nin 59sec Heat two: Holland 7:58. Great Britain

semi-finats: Heat one: Yugoslavia 6 46, Great Britain 6:48: Italy 6 50. Heat two: Russia 6 42. France, 6 43. Germany, 6 49. Heat three: Romania, 6:38. Czech Republic, 6:39 Portugal, 6:43. WOMEN'S COXLESS FOURIS: Quali-fiers for finat Heat one: Romania 7:24. Heat two: Denmark 7:27 Great Britain 7:31 go to repechage

Dealer East

As I mentioned a few weeks

ago, it is normal to play South's bid of Three Spades in

the above auction as pre-

emptive; the reason is that

South has several game tries he could use over East's dou-

ble of Two Spades. Some

players add the wrinkle that

Three Spades is a game-try

asking for good trumps. It

keeps the pre-emptive use

available on a hand with a

good spade suit, as in that case

your partner won't have good

with the ace of hearts and

returned the five. West's lead

East was unlikely to double

Two Spades on a poor hand

unless he had four hearts. So

declarer's problem was to

draw trumps in order to cash

enough trumps to raise. East took the opening lead

Denmark in the other heat.

Wimbledon is the same, but The theory about betraying the people of your heartland is that you always have them but is this true? Does not even the most devoted lover grow weary of constant betrayal? What will happen when the fringe followers, the floating voters of sport, grow tired of the stuff? And the prices fall, and sport is no longer such a sure-fire global hit? Well, the good old people who always

supported us will still be there, won't they? Maybe not Maybe they will have lost interest and found some other, less capricious mistress. As I look out of my hotel room in Atlanta, my bag half-packed behind me and notebook closed to my left, I wonder is this where

the tidal wave of sport broke and rolled back? We move now to the usual hectic period where football greedily encroaches onto the summer, bringing its icy taste of winter. Cricket and football overlap, giving us, even as the Olympic Games ends, a continuation of the pattern of

All around the edges, we find depressingly sordid stuff, mostly arguments about money, and you think, really, there are times when sport presumes too much on the good nature of its followers and, perhaps, times come when even the most devoted of us begin to pick and choose. Let sport beware. The global fascination with it may already have reached its peak.

best still stirs the spirit and I have seen that all right: Bailey, Austin, Nemov, Chemerkin, Fu. Johnson, Bonfire; sprinter, high-jump-er, gymnast, weightlifter, diver, runner, horse. I fly out from these Games not soured by sport, but as if it were reconfirmed. Though I am still not sure about the Charity Shield. I open my notebook again.

Yet the best against the

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CHINAMAN a. A backhand sabre slash b. A skittle "Expenses," I write. "Dentist." c. A tricky ball

the diamonds, but not run into a trump promotion in the

ROWING: BRITAIN'S LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT FORCE WORLD CHAMPIONS TO DIG DEEP

The United States women's coxless four on their way to defeat against the powerful Romanians at Strathchyde. Photograph: Martin Cleaver

achieved by the men's heavy-

weight coxed four, with some

ease, and the men's light-

weight squad, narrowly, from

the Spanish. Both are through

The women's lightweight

pair of Alison Brownless and

Jane Hall, who achieved Brit-

ain's only first place of the

opening day, booked a direct place in Sunday's final. The

LIGHTWEIGHTS

vn) 8:00 go lo repechage

MEN'S COXLESS PAIRS: Qua

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Ronnie Rubin, world champion in 1983, made a good play on this

Love ali

hand from this year's American Spring Nationals.

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+QJ83

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to their semi-finals.

Rubin (South) solved it neatly by running the seven of spades at trick three. Although that could have failed if West's spades were AK6 or A6 or K6, nevertheless it was the best percentage line. From AK6 West might well have risen with an honour on the first round, and after his double of Two Spades East was likely to have a singleton.

and continued hearts, Rubin was able to ruff high and thus of the queen of hearts was restrict the defence to two trump tricks, ace of clubs and probably from shortage, as ace of hearts. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

When East won the king of

spades, cashed the ace of clubs

WORD-WATCHING

section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

a. A homosexual b. An anti-aircraft gun Crown of fan vaulting

a. Sweet William b. Top score at bowls

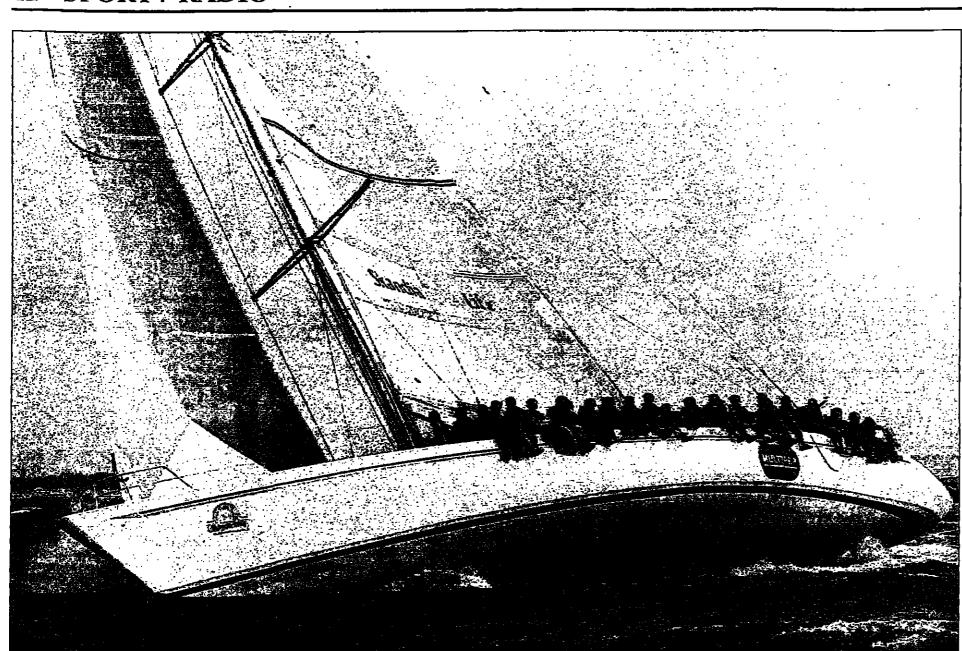
c. A fisherman

THREE IN A BED

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c. A shove-ha penny shot PETER a. Card play b. Defensive hold at wrestling

Bxg3. What is the correct method?



Multipep goes to windward on the western Solent at the start of yesterday's Maxi race. Storm damage later forced John Caulcutt, the skipper, to retire. Photograph: Gill Allen

Storm's impact makes for mad Cowes

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS a wild day on the Solent yesterday as the southwesterly breeze built to gale force and then gusted to up to 55 knots, ravaging the Skandia Life Cowes Week fleet. There were numerous dismastings, one crew overboard, several yachts on the rocks and one sinking.

After a quiet start to the regatta on Saturday, when there was almost no wind at all, the conditions deteriorated yesterday to the strongest for vears. At the start of the day, the weather centre had been predicting thunderstorms and strong winds with gusts in excess of 50 knots, equivalent to storm force ten on the Beaufort scale. Apart from the thunderstorms, it all came

Nevertheless, the race officers of the Cowes Combined

Clubs sent out most of the 29 classes. However, as the wind gradually increased in strength, they eventually can-celled racing for ten of the smaller day boats; but others, including the Glenfiddich Melges 24 fleet, were already out taking their chances. With their large mainsails,

which cannot be reefed, the Melges ended up being the worst hit in conditions which were way beyond their limit. By the third mark, three of them had lost their rigs, Dave Johnson's Cavendish Cool Cats, which did so well at the Rover Series at Tarbert, Ian Pinnell's Pink Lips and Mathew Vincent on the aptlynamed What A Blast. Five other Meiges were

iven onto the shore. the rocks; another, Interalpha driven by Charlie Stobart-Hook, retired after one its crew was injured. Of those

who ran aground, David

Clarke's Snickers Workwear managed to recover and then win the race from Mike Lennon, on Raw Hyde. in second and David Bedford, on Glenfiddich 1. in third. Clarke said: "The boat was pushed to the limit in these conditions. I

get out and push in the Solent it was like playing rugby."

While the Melges were being ravaged, Greg Peck's Class 1 Rocket 31, Camp Freddie. was in even more difficulty. She appeared to have been going to windward towards Gurnard, when she

PESULTS FROM COWES

SKANDIA LIFE COWES WEEK: Royal Yacht Squadron: CHS Class one (Bathsheba Trophy): 1, Wolf (G Willams); 2, Storn Bird (C Foley); 3, Essex Girl (R Matthaws). CHS Class two: 1, Mustang Sally (J McWillam); 2, Pointe North (D Water) 3, Playback (K Lewrence). CHS Class three: 1. Northern Child (P Collins); 2, Billy Mac Whizz (R Cameron Davies); 3, Sunbeat V (W Courteney) CHS Class four: 1, Owl (P Bruce); 2, Starfight (R Bagnall), 3, New Moon (T Whitehasd). CHS Class five: 1, Touchwood (M Jephroott); 2, Addict (I Handley); 3, Lela (N Harley) Sportsboats: 1, Premier Cru (T Richardson); 2, Pink Projection (S (T Richardson); 2. Pink Projection (S Thomas); 3. J. Crazy (N Hamington). Melges 24: 1. Wicked Feet (T Freytag); 2. Snickers (D Clark); 3. Raw Hyde (M Lennon). Etchells: 1. Moonlight (R Wickens); 2. Lucy Blue (S Lawenos); 3. Number Skr (M Spanks). X99: 1. Panic IV (B Leth); 2. Jamah (P Fessier), 3.

didn't realise we would have to

Expression (R Engelbracht) Sigma 38: 1.
Red Coat II (Army Saling Association); 2,
Paviva II (G Walker); 3, Solent Pleaus (B
van Bilderbeek), Sigma 33: 1, Sigmatic II
(D Bonner); 2, Officeat (D McLeman), 3,
Honey of Bosham (J Platti), Darling; 1,
Audax (P Somer-Lee); 2, Loupy Garou VIII
(J Ctark); 3, Dionysus (B Huther), Dregon:
1, Rademan (R Gray); 2, Buylin (B Perking); 3, Spittire (K Freivolth), Sonata:
1, Rhydrim and Blue (R Sharp); 2, Sonic
(M and E Jaife); 3, Crisis (G Palin), Maxit
1, Nocorette (L Ingvall) only one finished. Sumfact 36: 1, Sursaf Oscar (D Mueller); 2, Suncail Golf (T Geg); 3, Sursaf Hotel (T Barclay). Conteses 32: 1, Roulette of Beautieu (J Metthews); 2, Blanco (T Ovarner); 3, Shardik (G Collings), Hunter 707: 1. The Sea-Cups (Clarkson), 2, Nickers (J Stelling), 3, Jet (J and B Cooper).

heliport. The four-strong maxi fleet took the brunt of the storm as they headed into the teeth of it out beyond the Needles to the Bridge bouy, where a steep ng over 20ft and winds gusting in excess of 54 knots caused havoc. Some skippers later criticised the race officers for sending the yachts that far out where big

touched the bottom and then

a dangerous lee shore. The

crew decided to sail her onto

the beach on Princes Espla-

nade to try to save her from

In the International Etchelis

fleet, at least one yacht sank

just off the Royal Yacht Squad-

ron while the air sea rescue

helicopter was called out to the

Class 4 yacht Jagga after a

woman crew member. Serena

Willett, fell overboard. She

was later reported to be unin-

jured after landing at Cowes

breaking up.

started pounding on what was especially since they knew gusts of 50 knots were forecast. The first casualty was the Russian maxi Grand Mistral. which sailed over her spinnaker and shredded it and later

retired. Mike Slade's Longobarda lost her main sheet shackle and could not reef and also retired. Out at the Bridge, John Caulcutt's Multipep, otherwise known as Maxima, got into difficulties after the boom got caught between the check stays and

With 32 people on board, including 16 visitors, the situation became alarming as the reefing line broke and the huge mainsail flagged with the boat trapped and unable to go about. After retrieving the situation, Caulcutt was forced to retire. The race was won by Ludde Ingvall's Nicorette, which alone survived apparently undamaged.

ATHLETICS: TRIPLE JUMPER JOINS JACKSON IN SEEKING TO MAKE AMENDS FOR DISAPPOINTMENT AT OLYMPIC GAMES

Edwards launches attempt to redress the balance

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JONATHAN EDWARDS will be looking for his first 18-metres triple jump of the season and Colin Jackson faces Allen Johnson, the 110 metres hurdles Olympic champion, when athletics returns to its normal, weekly business in the Italian skiing resort of Sestriere today.

Edwards, the International Amateur Athletic Federation 1995 male world athlete of the year, had to settle for the silver medal in Atlanta, where his sequence of 22 victories was ended by Kenny Harrison, of the United States. Harrison's gold-medal

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(b) An anti-aircaft gun, originally applied to those used by the Germans in the war of 1914-18. Occasionally used in the 1939-45 war, when it was replaced by ack-ack. "The anti-aircraft guns got their names of Archies from a light-hearted British pilot, who

when he was fired at in the air quoted a popular music-hall refrain: 'Archibald, certainly not.'

(c) An off-break delivered out of the back of the hand by a left-

handed bowler at cricket to a right-handed bat. It took its name partly from its trickiness, and partly from being bowled in the Thirties by Ellis Achong, who, although he played for the West Indies, was in fact a Chinese. I understand the Chinaman to be

simply an off break bowled out of the back or side of the band by a left-handed bowler — that is, the ball comes in to a right-handed batsman from the off and the left-handed bowler's

action in bowling is equivalent to that of the right-hander in bowling a leg break." THREE IN A BED

(c) At shove ha penny, the old English pub game made more difficult by decimal coinage, the divisions on the board are known as beds. The object is to fill one bed with three ha pennies, which are chalked up on the touchline of the board.

(a) Leading the higher card of two at Bridge to indicate a

doubleton. Possibly from "petering out". "Every Bridge player knows the principle of high-low defence as a signal of encouragement. Generally known as the peter in Britain and the echo or 'come-on' in America, it is most frequently used against an opponent's trump contract to indicate strength or a

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If well-worn and well-tended ha pence are used, a skilled player can sometimes achieve three in a bed with a single shot, nudging two in and letting his own coin follow through.

ongest of the season but Edwards looked in the last two rounds, when he fouled but travelled far, as though

he is capable of going further.

He was convinced that he had jumped at least 18.20 metres and, with the benefit of altitude in Sestriere, he may not be far short of his world record of 18.29. However, more often than not the meeting is blighted by high winds or cold mists. Or, as was the case last year, by

controversy. Ivan Pedroso, from Cuba, who went on to win the long jump at the world championships in Gothenburg, came down from the moun-

Mike Powell as the world recordholder. However, video evidence supplied by an amateur cameraman showed a figure in blue turning his

belly towards the wind gauge.
Foul play was the verdict of the Italian federation (Fidal), which ruled that Pedroso's mark should not be ratified. Of the 60 attempts made in the long and triple jump competitions, only four were within the legal limit, three of those by Pedroso. Every jump by the Cuban saw the man in the blue jacket attempting to obstruct the wind gauge. The official in question, Luciano Gemello, was banned for life by the Italian federa-

tion. Italian journalists reported that Gemello had links with Flat, which owns Ferrari, supplier of £85,000 cars to athletes who set world records in Sestriere.

Johnson, who missed Jackson's world record by 00.01sec at the United States Olympic trials in June, would complete his perfect season, if, having won at the Olympics, he could now become the fastest sprint hurdler in history. Again, though, much depends on one of those rare days in Sestriere when the sun shines and the winds blow gently.

Jackson, fourth at the Olympics.

seems to have lost his speed between the hurdles. Also in the race will be Tony Jarrett, twice a world championship silver medal-winner in the past four years but who has had a season even more wretched than Jackson's. Jarrett has been disqualified twice for false starts and, at the Olympics, he hit the seventh hurdle

and crashed to the ground. The most publicised false start of the Olympics was Linford Christie's in the 100 metres and his participation in Sestriere appears to have more to do with a pay day than showing where he might have finished in Atlanta had he not been disqualified. Only Davidson Ezinwa of the Olympic finalists is present. Ezinwa, from Nigeria, was sixth.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Harris aims to follow in Offiah's footsteps

By Christopher Irvine

IESTYN HARRIS, who is on the transfer list at a prohibitive £1.35 million at Warrington, said yesterday that he would want to combine a rugby career in both codes, as Martin Offiah is at London

Broncos and Bedford. The difference is that the Oldham-born Wales stand-off half has never before played union. This has not stopped a clamour of interest, including a £350,000 offer for him to convert full-time by Saracens. Warrington spurned that bid and other overtures by Llanel-li and Cardiff. They, too. would want exclusive rights. but joint ownership, possibly with the new South Wales side in the Super League next year. would offer a satisfactory com-

"I don't want to turn my back on rugby league," he said. "But I would like to play union in the off season (mid-September to February). I am also ambitious to represent

promise from Harris's point of

Wales at union." Harris was aghast at the price put on him by the Wilderspool club and player delay it and club are now at an longer."

impasse over a persistent injury which Harris says means that he cannot play and which Warrington insist is not so bad. Harris missed the last match at London last Sunday. although the club physician declared him fit.

South Wales would dearly love to capture Harris, even as a joint league-union player, but Warrington would have to reduce their world record price drastically. Cross-ownership would spread the cost, but is hardly an ideal solution because of the crossover of the seasons and competing demands.

Trevor Morris, the Featherstone Rovers chairman, is proposing a merger with Wakefield Trinity to further a Super League application, following one by Hull, of the first division, and one expected from Keighley Cougars tomorrow.

Unless we merge with Wakefield, before the end of the season there is no way we will be able to stake a serious claim for top spot," Morris said. "We cannot afford to delay the inevitable much

Sabatini returns in winning fashion

TENNIS

By Our Sports Staff

months on the sidelines, Gabriela Sabatini returned to the treadmill that is the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour yesterday — and she celebrated with a win, a 6-4, 6-2 dismissal of Sonya Jeyascelan, a Canadian qualifier, in the first round of the du Maurier Open at

Montreal

Actually, "celebrated" may be too strong a word. The Argentinian, who was forced to miss both the French Open and Wimbledon with a strained stomach muscle before returning in time to play in the Olympic Games, where she lost to Monica Seles in the third round, was not happy

with her form. "I didn't play very well," she said after her straight-sets success. "I wasn't dictating the rallies and I served pretty badly." Seeded No 9 for this tournament, she double-faulted on three consecutive points

AFTER more than three kilos" and claiming: "I have never felt so fit in all my years on tour." Amanda Coetzer, the No 10 seed from South Africa, overpowered Rita Grande, of Ita-

ly, 6-3, 6-2, while Karina Hahsudova, the No 12 seed from Slovakia, brushed aside Barbara Schett, of Austria, 6-0, 6-0. The other seeds in action on the opening day -Amy Frazier, of the United States, Nathalie Tauziat, of France, and Elena Likhovtseva, of Russia - all won without dropping a set.

For Katarina Studenikova, of Slovakia, there was reason to remember good times past, By beating Gala Leon Garcia, of Spain, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6, she booked a second-round meeting with Monica Seles, the No I seed, who she beat in the second round at Wimbledon

Tim Henman, the British No l, reached the second round of the ATP Champion-

earlier this year.

RADIO CHOICE

The ins and outs of tides

Of Tide and Man. Radio 4. Spm.

Mary Price's elemental sound montage takes its title slightly Mary Price's elemental sound montage takes its the sagndy condensed, from the Bard's Julius Ceaser ("There is a tide, etc"). She pre-empts a protest by rampant feminists by including women among those who contribute their thoughts on tides high and low, good and bad. The comments are philosophical or anecdotal. There is the poetic type (male) who considers that when a gannet dives it is a kind of killing because he pierces his own shadow on the sea. There's kind of killing because he pierces his own shadow on the sea. There's the romantic (female) who recalls how the tide used to interrupt a kissing endurance test on the beach and the driver (make) whose parked car was sucked out to sea and then regurgitated, and the boat owner (woman) who was sent a bunch of consoling funeral flowers when her craft was wrecked.

Perfect Pitch. Radio 3, 8,55pm.

Let me intrigue you. Why do you think Mark Russell's inquiry into some people's ability to pluck exactly the right note out of the air ends with the last laugh going to a quacking duckling? And why can a wriggly worm help you to listen to a note and confidently exclaim "that's an Al" All is explained tonight by Russell, helped by two pitch specialists from Sheffield University and a clutch of musicians. In a test for perfect pitch, Russell initially scores five out of 48. He eventually trebles his score which means he is one of the 0.01 per cent of the nonulation with perfect pitch.

Peter Davalle of the population with perfect pitch.

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Kevin Greening 11.30 Radio 1 Road-show, live from the Level in Brighton 12.30pm Lisa l'Anson 2.00 Nicky Campball 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Lee and Hering 10.00 Mark Raddille 12.00 Claire Sturgess 4.00 Charle Jordan with the Early Breaktast Show

RADIO 2

FM Sterso. 6.00sm Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jmmy Young 1.30pm Judi Spiers 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Ralph McTell with Folk on 2 8.00 Upstream with Bellamy (5/6) 8.30 Folk in the Footights (2/5) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Sue McGerry 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, Incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breaklast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with Deana Madille, incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.90 Midday with Mair, incl 12.35pm Moneychack 2.05 Ruscoe on 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl 3.05 Ruscoe Returns 4.00 Nationwole, incl al 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night Includes coverage of Rangers v Alania Vladikevkez in the European Cup qualifiers 10.05 News Talk, with Jeremy Vine 11.00 Night Edra, with Valerie Sanderson 12.05em Alter Hours, with John Diamond 2.05 Up All

TALK RADIO

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VIRGIN RADIO

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conducted by Martyn Brabbins, Walton (Symphony No 2) 10.05 The Colours of Music, Philip

Dodd looks at what it is that makes artists and composers collaborate (3/4) (r)

10.30 Le Travall du peintre. A selection of portraits of 20th-century artists in poems by Paul Eluard set to music by Erancis Pouleton. With General

RADIO 3

6.00am On Alr, with Penny Gore. Includes Stravinsky (Divertimento, The Fairy's Kiss); Dvořak (Overture: Othelio); Blavel (Concerto in A minor); Carissimi (Cantata: Cosi volete, osci. stravi.) Rossini) 7.00 BBC Pro Cosi volete, cosi sara); Rachmaninov (Russian Rhapsody); Orlf, arr Wanek

(Camma burana)

9.00 Morning Collection with
Paul Gambaccini. Includes
Mozart (Church Sonata in C,
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organ. Poulenc (Organ Concerto) 10.28 Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C sharp minor, BWV 849, 48) 11.23 Bortkiewicz (Piano 11-24 BOTWEWICZ (Plano Concerto No 1 in B flat) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Stravinsky 1.00 Manchester Summer

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Recitals, Introduced by
Rodney Statford Florestan
Prano Trio, Mozart (Prano Trio
in E. K542); Schumann (Prano
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2.00 Midweek Cholce, Includes
Boseldie (Overture: The
Caliph of Baghdad); Korngold
(String Quartet No 1 in A),
Vaughan Williams (An Oxford
Eleov)

4.00 Choral Evensong, live Irorn the Chapel of Eton College
5.00 The Music Machine, with Sarah Walker
5.15 In Tune. Includes Suppe (Overture. The Jolly Robbers).

Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Anthony Clare talks to the novelest Nicholas

Mosley (r)
9.45 Whippets and Marsupials.

9.45 Wrappets and Marsuplats.
The continuing adventures of two house-swappers (3/4)
10.00 News; The Street (FM only).
Tony Wilkinson visits the vast public housing scheme on Lochend Road, Easterhouse in Glesgow (2/5)
10.00 Delity Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour

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11.30 Gardeners' Question Time,
Irom Gwent (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm No Commitments. Simon
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about the lives of three
risless Starmon Processor

sisters. Starring Rosemary Leach, Nicola Pagett and Celia Imrie (3/6) 12.55

Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Forest Teles. A new
drama written by Colin Haydin

Evans. Five travellors fleening
plague and war tell tales to

dispel the night shadows With Manon Edwards,

Christine Pritchard, Na Davies, Eluned Jones (1/3) 2.45 From Their Own

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Francis Poulenc. With Gerard Souzay, baritone, and Dation Baldwin, prano 10.45 A Map of David Jones. Jeremy Hooker explores the life and work of the poet David Jones, who is probably best known for his First World Was been for his First World War epic in Parenthesis (Vill 11.30 Composer of the Week Handel Ir) 12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby

Farweather

1.00 Through the Night, with
Donald Macleod Includes
1.00 Lully, Charpentier, Rebel
and Rameau 2.40 Yodaly and
Schumann 3.40 Alfonso the
Wise 4.30 Falla 5.00

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Brefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today mcl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Notes from a Small Island (3/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 in the Psychiatrist's Chair. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope, Paul Gambaccini views the sci-fi blockbuster

so-fi blockbuster independence Day
4.45 Short Story: Old and Long Remorse, by Jude Weeks Read by Colleen Prendergast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Siz O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain 1996 (r) 7.00 News (r) 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Deep Season:
Troubled Waters. The second of three programmes on the world's oceans asks if they are in peni

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the sea (2/4) 9.00 Costing the Earth, with Mark

Whittaker 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

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(8/8) (r)
11.00 Educated Evans, by Edgar
Wailace A comedy narraled
by Freddie Jones (3/4) (r)
11.30 Twenty Players, Frankie
Swoop (5/6) (r)
11.45 The Shuttleworths (5/6) (r)

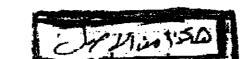
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during one game in the second set.

Ship in Mason, Ohio, when he beat Jan Siemerink, of Holond Set.

Nevertheless, she believed that her long lay-off had been beneficial, pointing out that successful defeating Kenneth she had lost "a couple of carlsen, of Denmark, 7-6, 6-2.



9.30 Dressing for Breakfast. When Louise

have corrupted the local priest, but he still has to deal with the miraculous activitie of the dead Merlyn in her attempts to grab the soul of Caleb (Teletext) (s) (6552)

11.30 Cheers (r) (Teletext) (s) (22736)

12.00 Century of Cinema: Cinema of Tears. Nelson Pereira Dos Santos explores 100 years of Latin American film, from Cuba to Brazil and in so domo uncovers some

Cruz. In Spanish with English subtitles (769311)

3.05 Gospe! Girls (r) (s) (67036717) 3.20 Billy Boys follows an Orange marching band from Liverpool (r) (s) (25712934).

Conclusions, convictions, contradictions

commendable volume, and I count was the cornerstone of a myself among them. I have no idea A nation's viewing, somebody who killed Jessica Costello, but it always knew somebody who had has been a huge effort to retain my an American cousin who knew innocence, especially given that whether the one-armed man was Sky TV sent me a tape of "Chapter ever found. "Don't tell us!" we said 23 several months ago. Neil in our house, clamping our hands Avedon was found guilty last to our ears and singing "La La La" night, but I am sure he isn't; he whenever a premature Fugitive was framed by Richard Cross, and revelation threatened. America now poses a suicide risk in jail. was an impossibly distant place at That's all I know. the time; only the Beatles and Meanwhile Teddy (bald hero David Frost had been. Thus was defence lawyer with big ears) bestrides Los Angeles like an the surprise outcome of The Fugitive safely preserved. Looking back impatient colossus, and last night on it, I now wonder whether those the defence case turned on a "American cousins" were wicked sudden serendipitous inspiration inventions by people seeking spurious self-importance. Damn. worthy of Jack Lord in the heyday

Thirty years it has taken me to Murder One finishes tonight on at the lens, he narrows his piggy BBC2, and my point is this: anybody still innocent of the solution

eyes. "There is a camera hidden in Jessica Costello's apartment." he growls outside, holding a car door. "I know it in my guts." to Jessica Costello's murder has sung "La La La" for five months at

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (53113) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) 9.20 Della Smith's Summer Collection (r)

(Ceetax) (s) (7784552) 9.50 Gourmet Ireland (s) (5128552) 10.20 FILM: Doctor in the House (1954) Classic medical comedy, with Dirk Bogarde, Kenneth More and James

Robertson Justice Directed by Ralph Thomas (10700668) 12.00 News, Regional News & Weather

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4080571) 12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (6991674) 1.00 News & Weather (Ceelax) (56200)

1.30 Regional News and (42102823) 1.40 Florida Bntish expatriates (58135378)

2.05 More Secret Gardens (58286910) 2.15 Lovejoy (r) (Ceelar) (s) (4554610) 3.10 Where's the Jack? Julia Carling presents a six-part series on car maintenance (9938842) 3.25 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga (r)

(s) (7193571) 4.50 Knots Landing (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2704259) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (691939) 6.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (194) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (674) 7.00 Small Talk. Ronnie Corbett hosts the

show in which grown-ups must unravel the minds of children (Ceefax) (s) (3991) 7.30 Mastermind. From Drapers' Hall in the City of London. The specialist subjects Herge, Aphra Behn, Lawrence of Arabia and John Henry Newman.

(Ceelax) (s) (858) 8.00 Birds of a Feather. The sisters try to stay out of trouble while keeping an eye on their man-hungry neighbour Dorien (4)

(Ceefax) (s) (999113) 8.50 Points of Views (Ceefax) (s) (119303) 9.00 News; Regional News; Weather

9.30 Inside Story: Caring for Christopher (Ceefax) (s) (646129) 10.20 BBC Proms 1996: Dawn at Dusk. In the first of tour programmes, the American soprano Dawn Upshaw sings American operatic arias and a selection of show

songs accompanied by the London Sinfionetta under Eric Stem (1879804) 11.40 FILM: The Andromeda Strain (1971). Part of the Alien Invasion season. When a research satellite carrying a lethal extraterrestrial organism crashes into a small town in Arizona, a group of top scientists are rounded up in order to identify and control the potentially plague-type germ. . The director Rober Wise maintains suspense throughout and the special effects are impressive for the time. Arthur Hill stars as a scientis prepared to sacrifice himself to: humanity. Also starring David Wayne James Olson, Kate Reid, Paula Kelly and

1.45am-1.50 Weather (6021750) VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode "numbers, which allow you to programme your video recordination you to the Video PlusCode for the programme you wish to record. Videoplus+ ("), Pluscode (") and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gematar Development Ltd.

George Mitchell (Ceelax) (23420262)

6.00am Open University: Complex Num-bers (3939910) 6.25 Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands (3021945) 6.50 The Other

Virtuosos (2999303)

7.15 See Hear News (Ceefax) (6274026) 7.30 Mr Benn (7315151) 7.45 Lassie

(7408858)

4.00 Cartoon (5730484) 4.05 The Family Ness (5739755) 4.10 Run the Risk (2324587) 4.30 Cartoon Critters (571) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (3031561) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (Ceelax) (4536991) 5.35 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (682281)



Britain's golden girls (7.00pm)

7.30 The Dynasty: Heirs of Uncertainty. (3/3) A privileged birth is no guarantee of security to the children of Pakistan's ruting elite (Ceefax) (s) (200)

comes an habitual truant (Ceelax) (s) (7151)

9.00 Murder One: Chapter 23 - The End. sica's murderer is uncovered (Ceefax (s) (447281)

television (Ceetax) (s) (917129) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (939281) 11.15 What Are You Going to Do? Part of the

REVIEW



ex-con theatre company who helped to make War Cries (Channel 4) - a plea to reform the torturous parole system. These were men who had suffered "knock-backs" in prison: teased with freedom and then denied it, sometimes after months of hoping.

Special pleading is the point of a programme such as War Cries, yet it still sticks in the gullet somehow to see armed robbers feeling sorry

for themselves. Directing and writing the half-hour film was Lady Alice Douglas — famous for marrying a prison inmate on a home visit. She described her pain when Simon received a knock-back, and it sounded quite awful except that a still small voice objected "But you didn't have to marry him, did you?" In terms of audience sympathy, the trickiest moment involved an after-dinner discussion among Simon's friends, over which Alice gave brief career histories. One of Simon's chums had committed 36 armed robberies. "But he is now a gentle man, since he gave up crack," said Alice. Oh good.

To be fair, the case made against the parole system was quite compelling, but so was the case made in its favour. As Ann Widdecombe pointed out, parole boards are not bothered about raising and dashing hopes; their purpose is to protect the public against prisoners who may reoffend. One long-

had lost heart in the parole system because her husband was repeatedly knocked back. Oddly it never occurred to her to lose heart in her husband instead.

n an evening in which justice wrestled with emotional concerns, Justice for Lynn (Channel 4) took the biscuit. This was the familiar story of Flo Siddons's legal groundbreaking prosecution (and persecution) of Michael Brookes - the man who may have killed her granddaughter Lynn in 1978. Eighteen years later, he finally stands convicted of Lynn's murder. and the Siddons family are weep-ing with joy and relief. Watching their story, the viewer was likewise expected to weep with joy and relief — vindication after 18 years! What a struggle! The only fly in the ointment (and such a little fly, what did it matter?) was that the

actual evidence against Brookes was either omitted from this programme or was ridiculously thin. Brookes looked guilty, certainly

- which is all you need on television. Contrasting with the cool, dapper and determined Siddons family - walking advertise-ments equally for the Old Testament and the miracle of the travel iron - Brookes and his wife slumped and sweated in front of cameras, their cigarette smoke curling round unwashed hair. As Whitehead cheerfully pointed out, the IS-year delay in bringing this case has ruined Brookes's life, too - the Siddons family "hounded him", as they admit. But their treatment of Brookes was always justified, in their opinion, because whatever he might suffer, he was alive while Lynn was not. Whoever coined that thing about an eye for an eye has some very big fans in the Siddons family.

ALLEGA BEOM CALL CALL PEROZETT 6.00am Business Breakfast (22842)

of Hawaii Five-O. At a news-stand,

Teddy spots a surveillance camera

and is struck by a thought. Staring

(1179587) 8.10 Smurts' Adventures (5600910) 8.35 Get Your Own Back (2539213) 9.05 Spiderman (2164194) 9.25 Smart (7790113) 9.50 Puppydog Tales (3398378) 10.00 Playdays

10.25 Man in a Suitcase (Ceelax) (2007378) 11.15 A Passion for Angling (9259823) 12.05pm The Addams Family (Ceetax) (6055668) 12.30 Making Tracks (49823) 1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (45137113) 1.15 A-Z of Food (24159910) 1.25 Wear It Well

1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceelax) (8287571) 2.20 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday (87550736) 2.45 A Life of Knowledge (4600200) 3.00 News (1906026) 3.05 The Natural World (1077649) 3.55 News (3581397)



7.00 Growing Old Disgracefully.
Part of the Coming of Age

8.00 School. Francis Combe School wel-

8.30 Wild Harvest with Nick Naim. Nick goes dredging for scallops and hunts los a roebuck (Ceelax) (s) (2216)

9.45 WrinklyVision. A comical look at America's old tolk on

Carning of Age season (981804) 12.00 Grace Under Fire. Cornecty (s) (17840) 12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University: the Rinnuccini Chapel, Florence (Ceelax) (81972) 1.00 The Big Picture (22392) 1.30 Imagining New Worlds (79798) 2.00 Great Outdoors Collection 3 (56021) 4.00-6.00 Languages:

CHOICE

Growing Old Disgracefully

Wow. Teddy's infallible wisdom

throughout Murder One has been

pretty hard to take, actually. Last

night a member of his youthful

team even made a helluvaguy

speech that went, "And that, ladies

and gentlemen, is why his name is

on the door!" The viewer's sympa-

thics have been eleverly managed

throughout: rarely has an abstract

moral notion of justice interfered

with our concern for the joy or

suffering of the handsome drama-

tis personae. Neil's horror of

prison (where a "pretty boy like

lems) is reason enough to worry on

his behalf, leaving his supposed

long in jail? Or was take his own life, min-

utes before the cavalry arrive?

Whatever the answer, one group of

people who will not care much

about Neil's pretty-boy fate are the

Fill poor Neil languish

moral deserts entirely aside.

Neil" is destined for special prob-

BBC2, 7.00pm Six women, who first got together in 1989 and have been close friends since, describe how they have made light of old age. If their behaviour is not exactly disgraceful, unless you count a spot of mude bathing, they have refused to accept that life has to stop at 65, or even 78. They go on holiday together, write and publish books and are determined to enjoy themselves. We meet them during a rumbustious weekend in Suffolk, during which they sing, dance, go swimming and think positively. At 77. Edith declares that she is still open to new challenges. Mary, who is also in her seventies, continues to use eye make-up and dye her hair. Shirley, a comparative youngster at 65, declares that she is not prepared to be good and nice and kind, at least not all the time. Rows of pill bottles are a reminder of advancing years but the minds remain sharp and active.

Short Stories: Running Wild

Channel 4, 8.30pm Last winter was the coldest for 20 years in some parts of Britain, providing perfect conditions for mushers. These are participants in the sport of sled dog racing. The lack of snow in Britain means that for most of the time mushers have to make do with muddy tracks, and their husky dogs pulling three-wheeled rigs instead of proper sleds. But with snow promised, a British Cup competition is arranged in the Cairmsorms. It attracts the best in the land, including the airrent British champion. And then, horror of horrors, a thaw sets in. It looks as though the mushers will have to spend the afternoon watching Scotland's rugby team on the telly. Natalie Bowman, a hot tip for the cup, says tartly that she has not travelled 600 miles for

through the embarrassment.

this. Robin McPerson's film weaves deftly

Isside Story: Caring for Christopher BBC1.9.30pm Charles Stewart and Malcolm Hirst first filmed Christopher Roberts in 1991 for a memorable series on Lewisham council. Now they bring his story up to date. Christopher has epilepsy. The condition is graphically illustrated in the opening uence, when he rounds on his classmates and treats them to an earful of foul language. His volatile, often aggressive, behaviour goes with an absence of short-term memory and, at 14, he has a mental age of seven. It would be good to report that the film has a happy outcome. Christopher's special school does its best and the patience and devotion of his parents is heroic. But epilepsy has no miracle cure. Presented with the minimum of commentary, and never trying to judge, the film is a sympathetic study of dedicated

people with an intractable problem.

WrinklyVision BBC2. 9.45pm With the distinguished exception of The Golden Girls, the American television networks tend to pretend that the older generation does not exist. This does not mean that what Americans call seniors are entirely excluded from the screen. Where NBC and CBS decline to tread, regional and local channels are full of elderly grannies and a few grandpas refusing to act their age. The actress Katherine Helmond presents a lively anthology of such turns, though some would have been better left undiscovered. The sight of two geriatric ballet dancers creaking through their steps is less an advertisement for old age than an argument against it. Talking of advertisements, they do provide work for old Hollywood stars. Here is June Allyson at 79, promoting an aid for the incontinent. Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4270668) 9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7794939)

9.50 Hope and Gloria (5113620) 10.20 News (Teletext) (5446378) 10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5445£49) 10.30 FILM: Dance Academy (1986) with Galyn Gory and Paula Nichols. A ballet

academy is transformed into a school for

modern dance by a new teacher Directed by Ted Mathon (40879620) 12.20om Regional News (Teletext) (1816552) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (6814571) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (6899262) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (s) (6656262) 2.00 Home and Away

2.25 FILM: Once Upon a Spy (1980) with Ted

Danson, Mary Louise Weller and Christopher Lee. A technical genius is coerced into the world of espionage by his boss, to retrieve a computer owned by Nasa. Directed by Ivan Nagy. Concludes

(Teletext) (s) (87567026)

tomorrow (9214674)

3.20 News (Teletext) (1086216) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (1085587) 3.30 Alphabet Castie (7217723) 3.40 Wizadora (3129668) 3.50 Chatter-happy Ponies (3118552) 4.00 Bugs Bunny (1068543) 4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures (2238736) 4.40 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1739945)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (930945) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (645823) 6.25 HTV News (Telelext) (810026) 7.00 Great Western Women. Following Bristol Children's Hospital nurse Ann

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (5930587)



Gail steps up her search (7.30pm) 7.30 Coronation Street. Will Derek's birthday

the hunt for Nicky (Teletext) (246) 8.00 Inspector Morse: The Dead of Jeri-cho. Another chance to see the first television dramatisation featuring Colin Dexter's enigmatic Chief Inspector, as he is teamed with Sergeant Lewis. Starring John Thaw and Kevin Whately (r) (Teletext) (s) (2303)

turn out to be all he hopes for? Don joins

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (945939) 10,40 Champions League 11.40 FILM: Florida Straits (1986) starring Raul Julia, Fred Ward and Daniel Jenkins. A former prisoner searches for a fortune in gold that was buried in the Cuban jungle during the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

Directed by Mike Hodges (446939)

1.30 God's Gift (40392) 2.30 Cyber Cafe (72972) 3.00 Dear Nick (63243) 4.00

Bushell on the Box (r) (84717) 4.30 The

Time . . . the Place (r) (30311) 5.00 Hot Gossip (r) (s) (15514) 5.30 News

10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (16007)

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1.55 Home and Away (58132281)

2.25 Healthy by Nature (87560113)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1049303) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5930587) 6.00 Westcountry Live (51668) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (1587) 10.40-11.40 Newquay Surf Championships (404910)

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5.00am Freescreen (15514) SAC Starts: 6.35 Sharky and George (2807378) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (46823) 9.00 California Dreams (7879674) 9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack (7776533) 9.55 Hangin with Mr Cooper (6915026) 10.20 Pink Panther (2749991) 10.45 Rocko's Modern Life (8846216) 11.05 Crystal Maze (9574649) 12.00 Mork and Mindy (84020) 12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics (34991) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (49910) 1.30 Terrytoons (45111200) Melthrin (49910) 1.30 Tearys 1.35 Film: in the Good Old Summertime (10593129) 3.30 Countdown (620) 4.00 Backdate (755) 4.30 Elsteddiod Genedlaethol (69295) 6.00 Newyddion 932115) 6.15 Heno (529262) 7.00 Pobol Cwm (923533) 7.25 Bancer (198736) 8.00 Elstedfied Genediaethol (6045) 10.00 Brookside (14649) 10.30 American Gothic

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1.55 The Mermaid and the Beachcomb French animation by J. F. Languionie 2.15 FILM: 1 Didn't Do It (1945 b/w). Comedy

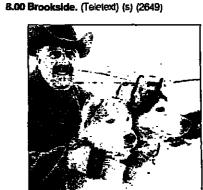
thriller with George Formby as a would-be entertainer who becomes the target for a killer. Directed by Marcel Varnel (Teletext)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (3) (755) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (939) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (8006587) 5.45 Terrytoons (109533) 6.00 Party of Five (Telelext) (s) (758115) 6.50 Terrytoons. Cartoon fun (140113)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Telelext) (938281)

(689910)

7.55 The Slot (271842)



8.30 Short Stories: Running Wild (Teletext) (s) (4484) 9.00 Ellen. Ellen interleres in her triend's love life when she intervenes in a one-night

stand (Teletext) (s) (5194)

(Beatle Edney) discovers that her mother Liz (Charlotte Comwell) claims to have found her the ideal man, she is not too happy (Teletext) (s) (54755) 10.00 American Gothic. Sheriff Buck may

11.00 The Naked Truth: Real Life Henry Higgins Turns Dork Into Duke! Nors gives photographer Dave hints on how to pick up women (Teletext) (s) (7939)

1.05am FILM: I, the Worst of All (1990). Maria Luisa Bemberg's film about the writer and poet, Sister Juana Ines de la

 For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable

channels, see the Vision sup-

plement, published Saturday

SKY ONE 7.00am Undun (79129) 9.00 Press Your Luck (4132649) 9.20 Love Connection (1029856) 9.45 Oprah Wintey (234760) 10.40 Jeopardy (8887229) 11.10 Saly Jessy Rapinel (8787571) 12.00 Code 3 (66026) 12.30pm Designing Women (94397) 1.00 Hotel (82552) 2.00 Geraldo (2437) 1.00 Protes (22027 2.00 Celestry) (69039) 3.00 Court TV (4026) 3.30 Oprah Wintrey (5039674) 4.15 Undur (1105397) 5.00 Quentum Leap (5378) 6.00 Sevenly Hils 90210 (75216) 7.00 Spellbound (6007 7.30 M*A*S*H (2533) 8.00 Spean: Above and Beyond (29007) 9.00 The Outer Limits (32571) 10.00 Quantum Leap (15658) 11.00 Highlander (96465) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (3472251) 12.45em

(6589088) 1.30 Smouldering Lust (49682)

News on the June 2 (109820) 8.30 Destina-bons (81823) 10.30 ABC Nightline (46215) 1.30pm CBS News (84910) 2.30 CBS News (2910) 3.30 Destinations (4756) 6.30 Tranight with Simon McCoy (4991) 7.30 Sponsine (5003) 8.30 Newsmaker (2804)

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SKY NEWS

News on the hour

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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BY MICHAEL HENDERSON PETER LEVER, the bowling

coach to the England cricket team, has resigned his post on the eve of the second Test against Pakistan at Headingley. Lever, 55, who was appointed last year by Raymond Illingworth, the chair-man of selectors and former

team manager, will stand down at the end of the season.

Lever, a former player and

coach at Lancashire, where he

was a team-mate of David

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7 1996

Record-breaking forward takes stage-managed bow at St James' Park

Shearer given tumultuous homecoming

ALAN SHEARER will have to wait until the Charity Shield on Sunday to make his Newcastle United debut, but he has already made an impressive start at his new club. Just by turning up at St James' Park yesterday, he sent Newcastle into a lather of excitement.

"This is a great day for the club," Sir John Hall, the Newcastle chairman, told the media, an elite groups of supporters inside the ground and a larger gathering out-side. This club is going places and Alan, together with all the other players, is an investment for the future. It is very difficult to improve on the squad we have, but I'm sure

everyone today will agree that we found the right player." Indeed they did. Although Shearer's arrival was greeted by rain rather than the sunshine his £15 million transfer probably demanded, thousands of supporters braved the weather in the Leazes End car park at St James' Park to pay homage.

Even meeting the supporters was transformed into a high-gloss affair, despite the weather. Usually, if news of a big-money signing leaks out, little groups of diehards congregate outside the ground hoping for a glimpse of their

Yesterday, the rain might have dissuaded some from attending, estimates of the crowd varying between from 5,000 and 15,000, but nonetheless the event was stagemanaged from start to finish. more like an American media party than an English sporting occasion. At 2pm, with the press corralled in the Leazes End stand and those lucky few

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supporters, guests of the spon-sors, sat behind, the Newcastle directors appeared and took their seats on a temporary stage erected on the pitch, followed by Kevin Keegan, who was greeted with cheers,

then Shearer, to louder cheers. Keegan was still delighted with his capture, announcing with relish: "Even with the great players we've got, we know that this guy is going to improve them." With expectations already sky-high on Tyneside, such words might have put further pressure on Shearer, who is carrying the tag of being the world's most expensive player, but he was

home-town club II years after

would get to him. "I'm very

excited, I've always said I

"I think this team is good

quer Europe as well. The price

tag is nothing at all to do with

me. I don't set the price, all I

can do is go out and try to do

my best and if that means I

score goals which makes me

worth £15 million, that's fine."

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game to come," he said.

I've ever had to do. "Jack Walker couldn't have tried any harder to keep me and telling him that I was going was very difficult. I had four years of unbelievable success under some great managers and under Jack Walker, who was a great

"I had a long meeting with him on Sunday [last week] and asked if I could see my options, see what I wanted to do. I met Alex Ferguson on Monday and was very im-pressed with him and then turning them down as an apprentice was evident, but he met with the boss on Tuesday gave no sign that the pressure and again I was very impressed and, as everyone knows, I always wanted to play for this club at some wanted to play for Newcastle and I can't wait for the first stage. I want to play for Newcastle with my best years in front of me, whereas if I'd enough not only to win the gone somewhere else for four Premier League, but to conyears, it would then be with

Shearer was equally dismis-

has to do, it seems, is turn up.

my best years behind me." Even Kenny Dalglish was unable to persuade Shearer to stay with Blackhurn, although the Scot finally told him that, whoever he chose, "you can't

With Shearer having scored 30 goals in each of the past three seasons and the only player to score 100 goals in the FA Carling Premiership that seems a reasonable forecast. although his integration into the Newcastle side has still to happen. There have been doubts about the ability of Shearer and Les Ferdinand to work together.

Last season, Keegan had advised Terry Venables, the England manager, to play Ferdinand and Shearer as a partnership and he has no doubts about their capacity to play together. "I think they will make a terrific strikeforce," the Newcastle manager said. "I think they can take each other to the places they dream about going."

There is no doubt, however. who is going to be the senior



Shearer offers a taste of things to come, warming up at St James' Park yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

parmer. Despite his modesty Shearer likes his own way and has already taken over the No 9 shirt, with its special place in Geordie folklore. "I would play in any number shirt for Newcastle United. but the No 9 at Newcastle is something very special and I've always wanted to wear it." he said. "I mentioned it to the manager, he mentioned it to Les and Les has been very kind and given it to me.

And the crowd roared again. From the start, every reply, however anodyne, had been punctuated by cheers as his words were relayed to the crowds waiting outside, but he punctured one pervasive myth to virtual silence. It had been part of Newcastle history that they had failed to sign him because when he went there on trial they played him in goal. Not so. "I came for a trial with a lot

goal," he said. "I was no different from anyone else, I had my 20 minutes just like everyone else, but I said to someone that I'd played for goal in Newcastle when I was on trial and I've never heard the last of it." He will hone to soon have more memorable appearances for Newcastle for

of other lads and there was a

shortage or something, so

everyone had to take a turn in

Good-bye battery

England await the home countries' verdict on attempt at reconciliation

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE ball that is the rugby union five nations' champion-ship is to be passed back to England after a six-hour meeting of the other four countries on Monday night. The door to reconciliation remains open, but only just, and much now depends upon

Union's (RFU) proposals for a resolution to the split between England and their homeunions colleagues were considered by representatives from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France at a Heathrow hotel but Tom Kiernan, chairman of the five nations' committee, vehemently denied radio reports that England had made significant concessions. "If that had been the case, do you think we would have been sitting round a

Nevertheless there have been hints that England have conceded the principle dear to the other three, that the joint property which is the five nations' championship should be sold jointly for broadcasting purposes. It was the RFU's decision to go it alone and strike a five-year

deal worth £87.5 million with BSkyB, the satellite television company part-owned by News International (owners of The Times), that so of-fended Scotland, Ireland and

Whether the RFU will now

Brittle is now part of the RFU negotiating team. along with John Richardson, the president, Colin Herridge, the reasurer, and John Jeavons-Fellows, England's representative on the International Rugby Football Board. Kiernan stressed that he did not form part of Monday's discussions but the other unions clearly perceive Brittle to be a more acceptable point of contact than those who

have preceded him. Kieman, who was joined round the table by his Irish colleague, Syd Millar, Vernon Pugh and Ray Williams (Wales), Freddie McLeod and Alan Hosie (Scotland), and Bernard Lapasset and Marcel Martin (France), would go no through the door and we feel it is worthwhile trying to make that chink bigger.

> All a spokesman would say was: "We sincerely hope that talks can be resumed as soon as possible." Faced with the complete restructuring of the coming season's representative programme, that wish

> was heartfelt. At least one organisation has confidence in England's return to the fold: a firm of bookmakers has cut the odds on a successful defence of the championship in 1997 from

Lloyd, the England coach, belongs to a generation that regards with suspicion some of the motivational "aids" Lloyd has employed in the England dressing-room this summer. Loud pop music accompanying video collections of players' "favourite things", and the national anthem, never played much of a part in his life at Old Trafford. Lever at least lasted longer in his job than John Edrich,

Illingworth's appointment as batting coach, who parted company with England at the

Lloyd in control . Imported problems

start of the season. Lloyd, who is six years younger than Lever, denied that there had been a clash of personalities. This winter the personnel

will perhaps be suggested by me." Lloyd said, "and the role of specialist coaches may be " slightly different."

The departure of Illingworth and Lloyd's imminent promotion from temporary to permanent coach, make him the most account-able man in English cricket. Lloyd confirmed yesterday that he will take the England party to Zimbabwe and New Zealand this winter, and expects to sign a two-year con-

Earlier this year, Lloyd sought to get Ian Botham involved in the England setup, as a bowling coach. Illingworth put his foot down firmly and properly at the time, telling the new coach to make the dressing-room his own before bringing in others to do subsidiary jobs. Now that he has done so. Botham can expect an early summons. Another choice might be Bob Cottam, the director of cricket... at Somerset.

the response.

The Rugby Football table so long?" he said.

try to renegotiate a contract they have hitherto declared to be legally binding remains to be decided but it was significant that Cliff Brittle, chairman of the union's executive committee, should have flown into Heathrow from his French holiday.



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further than to say: "We had be replying to the RFU in the next 48 hours. I will not and cannot get involved in specu-

McLeod, the Scottish RFU's president, added: "We remain neither confident nor pessimistic, and hope that another meeting of the unions and the RFU can take place within the next ten days." But all parties are agreed that there must be a resolution, within days rather than weeks and certainly before August is over.

This cannot be allowed to go on." Pugh, chairman of the Welsh RFU, said. "At this point, the five nations' next season has been written off, but there does remain the possibility of [England's] reinstatement. You could say

there is a chink of light

At the same time, the other four unions have accepted the worst-case scenario and are planning their own homeand-away championship. But all sides agree that the loss of the five nations' would cause substantial damage to the financing and profile of the game in the northern hemi-

RFU representaives kept their counsel yesterday as they awaited the arrival of the conclusions of the other unions. Depending on their content they will be dealt with by the RFU negotiating team. by the union's officers or, in extremis, a further meeting of the executive committee.



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